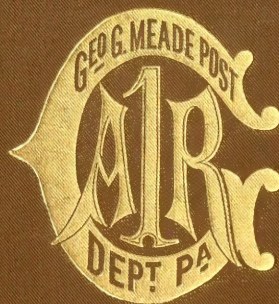


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## Introduction.

It gives me great pleasure to write a few words of introduction to this history of Gen. Geo. G. Meade Post, No. One, of Philadelphia, a Post that may properly claim possession of the oldest Post charter in this State, and which occupies an enviable position as one of the most influential in the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is well that Comrade Ward has thus compiled the story of the struggle, continued through so many years, to maintain the existence of the Post, as to him more than any other individual is due the fact that Post One can now be given a history of twenty-one years, and he, and others, may well be proud of the successful results of their hard and persistent work.

The same record will apply, probably, in a different degree to all of the Posts first instituted; and in this period of our great success as an organization, we may well wonder why it required such strenuous efforts to preserve the very life of the organization.

Posts numbering hundreds, with thousands of members on their rolls,

then disappeared from our ranks; but a few comrades here and elsewhere maintained their faith, and to-day we can all share in the glory of a fraternal association of over four hundred thousand defenders of the Republic.

Of the grand work of the fraternity, in cementing the ties of our comradeship, I may not here speak, but it is well for the comrades to know as one result of our association, that from July 1st, 1871, (the first available record) to July 1st, 1889, the Grand Army of the Republic expended for relief and charity \$1,935,935.54. This enormous sum represents only the amounts reported as spent by Posts. It does not include the immense sums, in the aggregate, expended by individual members for the same purposes.

No one can conceive the amount of good thus done for the wards of the Nation. Post One has done its full share of this good work. That it may long continue on its grand career of usefulness is the earnest prayer of

ROBERT B. BEATH,

Past Commander in Chief.



SOME years ago the writer, having in view the preparation of this work, asked of Past Commander M. Michael that he would give the circumstances that led him to organize the Post, and shortly afterward received the following :

Dec. 10th, 1875.

MY DEAR WARD—I take great pleasure in submitting, in answer to your request, a brief sketch of the incidents which led me to the organization of Post No. 1. Having prepared the matter with great haste, you will, I trust, accept my apologies for its crudeness and for the necessity which has put it into a shape which makes my own share of the early history of the Post too prominent a feature of this contribution to its history.

It was early in the summer of 1866 that in my correspondence with one of my Western friends, with whom I had passed much of my time during the latter part of the war, that reference was made to an organization, then in its infancy, which was intended to cement the ties by which all men who had campaigned in a common cause were bound together. I had already seen some public reference to the Grand Army of the Republic, and my curiosity being whetted by the interest displayed in the letters, to which I have referred, I made an effort to acquaint myself with the objects and workings of the Order.

Among my correspondents at that time were Major John M. Snyder and Dr. B. F. Stephenson, both of Illinois and both conspicuous in the early history of the organization. In August, having failed

to reach further into the mystery which began to invest the growing Order with a public importance than could be conveyed by letter, I chanced to mention the subject in the presence of General John H. Hammond, a distinguished Kentuckian, who had served in the Army of the Union with a credit to himself reached by only a few. I found that he was entrusted with one of the plenipotentiary commissions which did so much to increase the Order, but unfortunately, at the same time, so much to sow the seed of future questions of priority in the ranks of the Grand Army. By him I was initiated and provided with a number of copies of the printed ritual and a written authority to recruit and organize. The matter was by me brought to the attention of several who were entitled to admission, but from the irregularity of the proceeding we hesitated to take any public steps. Shortly following this came the Grand Convention of Soldiers at Pittsburg, on September 24th, 1866. Here, in renewing my friendships with some of my old comrades from the West, I was brought into direct contact with the central organization of the Grand Army. My friend, John M. Snyder, was at that time its Adjutant-General, and by his request I attended a meeting of members of the Society then present at Pittsburg.



At this meeting it was intended to have present all known comrades of the Order who were in the city ; and while there must in all likelihood have been other Pennsylvanians in the organization at that time, I cannot now recall any who were present. The meeting was informal, but it resulted in a better system than had theretofore prevailed. Upon my return to Philadelphia, being then under the impression that there was no organization of the Grand Army extant in the State, I reconvened the few persons who had previously been brought by me to a knowledge of its workings, and after consultation it was decided that it would be better to give the movement the proper impulse by inviting the co-operation of gentlemen representing different grades of the service ; and accordingly a meeting was held at the Wetherill House, on Sansom above 6th street, on the 16th of October, 1866, and Post No. 1, previously existing in an inchoate state, was duly organized under the special authority granted me, and the orders conveyed to me by the then Commander-in-Chief. This I feel quite convinced was the earliest Post organization in the State of Pennsylvania, and its priority was recognized, without serious contest, at the National Encampment of the Grand Army, held in Indianapolis on November 22d, 1866. At that Convention, Comrade Roswell G. Feltus and myself were the representatives of Post No. 1, and with a single exception, I think, of the State of Pennsylvania.

The question of priority of numerical rank of the Posts in this State it was felt should be settled by the highest authority ; and on November 8th I wrote to headquarters asking what system or rule would be adopted in the formation of Posts and Departments. The letter from the Adjutant-General of the Grand Army, bearing date November 13, 1866, you will find sets at rest any question that might arise as to priority of authority. It was the first official intimation I had that there was any authority in the State conflicting with that which had been conferred upon me.

At the Convention at Indianapolis, the representative of what is now known as Post No 2 claimed the first rank. The dispute was entirely an amicable one, and was decided without hesitation in favor of the Post of which at that time I had the honor to be Commander. With the subsequent history of the Post the regularly recorded minutes will of course make you familiar. And while there have been times when it has failed to occupy a prominent part in the public history of the Order, I am glad to believe that in private benefactions and in the liberal contributions to any fund for purposes common to all, its membership has always been ready and generous.

With great respect and fraternal regard,

CLAYTON McDONALD.





## Salutatory.

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In compiling in a permanent form the narrative of the organization and twenty-one years of the history of George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., it was the original purpose to include only the address delivered by me before the Post on its twentieth anniversary, and such corrections and additions as were absolutely necessary to an intelligent understanding of the record of the Post.

The desire to make the volume more attractive has greatly enlarged its scope, and it has also unavoidably delayed the completion of the work much beyond the period in which it was expected that it would be finished. This postponement has resulted in the production of a history of the Post that will certainly be more satisfactory than that which was contemplated; and in concluding my labor I look with entire confidence for hearty approval of my earnest and conscientious effort to present in substantial form an accurate and enduring memorial.

The difficulties and discouragements which have hindered and retarded the progress of the work have been many in number and varied in character. Indeed, could it have been foreseen in the beginning that the task would so far outmeasure the bounds within which it was presumed it could be confined, it is doubtful if it would not have seemed too great to undertake. Both in time and in money the outlay has been much beyond that which was counted upon beforehand; but the determination to go on and to do the best possible with the material available has never faltered.

For the frequent and conspicuous mention of my own part in making this history possible; in preserving the cohesion of the Post and in preventing its



disruption at a time when there was a temporary cessation of interest in the organization, I ask the indulgence of all who read this book. With every desire to avoid undue personal prominence it would have been impossible to honestly describe the condition and action of the Post during that critical period without showing to what extent is due to individual and almost unassisted endeavor the fact that Post No. One is able to-day to claim its recognized precedence, and the foremost place it holds in the noble organization of which it is so honored a part. There could be no true modesty in omitting so essential a portion of this interesting record; and I feel certain that had this compilation been made by another, there could scarcely have been less, and probably would have been more, reference to my personal share in the history of the Post.

There is much in the record and experience of Post No. One, in the years that have elapsed since the period covered by this volume, of remarkable interest and of historical value. It would, indeed, have been a pleasant labor to include in my work all that has occurred up to the hour of publication. But that would involve greater delays; and while I have been tempted to undergo the labor and the expense of such an extending of already comprehensive pages, I feel that it would be better to leave that task to the future; and to acquit myself as promptly as possible of my obligations to those who have waited with generous patience for this book.

I am under many obligations to Past-Commander Clayton McMichael, the late Adjutant David F. Weaver and Sergeant-Major Ellis Stokes for their courteous and valuable assistance.

JOS. R. C. WARD,

Past-Commander George G. Meade Post No. 1.





# George G. Meade Post No. 1

Department of Pennsylvania

Grand Army of the Republic

POST No. 1 was organized in Philadelphia by Clayton McMichael, who was mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic, August 18, 1866, and had Post 1 mustered in on October 16, 1866, with the following charter-members:—

E. R. BOWEN,  
ED. E. CHASE,  
J. EDWARD CARPENTER,

ROSWELL G. FELTUS,  
HARRISON LAMBDIN,  
CLAYTON McMICHAEL,  
JOHN M. McGRATH, M. D.,

J. HARRY STEWART,  
CAMPBELL TUCKER,  
SAMUEL WORTHINGTON.

The first meeting was held on October 17, 1866, at the old Wetherill House, formerly on Sansom Street, above Sixth. John M. McGrath was chosen Chairman, and Campbell Tucker Secretary. An election of officers resulted in the selection of Clayton McMichael as Commander, Campbell Tucker as Adjutant, Ed. E. Chase as Quartermaster, and J. M. McGrath, M. D., as Surgeon.

On November 1st the By-Laws were presented and adopted.

After five meetings the place of meeting was changed to the Home Labor League Rooms, No. 114 South Third Street, and there, on December 7th, the first muster of recruits took place, and included



CLAYTON McMICHAEL.  
FIRST COMMANDER OF POST No. ONE.

Mustered First Lieutenant U. S. Contingent Forces, Omaha, Nebraska, May 3, 1861.

Appointed Second Lieutenant Ninth Reg't U. S. Infantry August 5, 1861.

Resigned September 27, 1865. Captain and Brevet Major U. S. Army.

Wounded, arm, at Kelly's Ford, Va., September, 1863; head, at Petersburg, Va., August, 1864.

Mustered into Grand Army of Republic August 18, 1866.

Elected Post Commander October 17, 1866; re-elected January 4, 1867; again elected September 30, 1869.

Elected Senior Vice-Department Commander January 17, 1867.

Myer Asch, Alfred Aron, Charles DeLoche, E. H. Harrison, Win. L. Potter, J. Wm. H. Harrison,  
E. L. Piggott, Jr., W. L. A. Reed, S. R. C. Roberts.

At the same time

GOVERNOR JOHN W. GEARY

was elected a member.

About that time the following order was received from the Commander-in-Chief:—

HEAD-QUARTERS GREAT ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.

STENOGRAPHIC, L. C., November 22, 1866.

**Special Order No. 1.**

Brevet Brigadier General Louis Wagner, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is hereby appointed temporary commander of the Provisional Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, for the purpose of organizing Districts and Posts in said Department.

Gen. Wagner will make all reports promptly to the General Head-Quarters at Springfield, Illinois.

By order of

Major Gen. S. A. HURD, *Commanding General Army of the Republic.*

B. F. STEPHENSON, *Adjutant-General.*

General Orders No. 3 from Head-Quarters Department of Pennsylvania, dated December 20, 1866, convened the first Department Encampment in Philadelphia on January 17, 1867, at which General Wagner was elected Department Commander, and Colonel Clayton McMichael, of this Post, Senior Vice-Department Commander,—or, as they were then designated,—*Grand* and Senior Vice-*Grand* Commanders, and so announced in General Orders No. 4.

On January 4, 1867, Comrade McMichael was re-elected Commander, Comrade Tucker Adjutant, and Comrade Myer Asch Quartermaster. After nine more meetings the Post moved to the northeast corner of Broad and Arch Streets on February 1st, and the following circular was issued:—



*C. M. M.*

HEADQUARTERS POST NO. 1, PHILADELPHIA, MARCH 17, 1867.

In direction of Post Commander McMichael the associations of the Encampment will hereafter be held in the building on the northeast corner of Broad and Arch Streets until further orders.

Very respectfully,

CAMERON L. CRICK, *P. M. Encampment*

On March 11th the following circular was sent to each comrade:

**Circular.**

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

POST NO. 1, MIDDLE PHILADELPHIA

HEADQUARTERS POST NO. 1, N. E. COR. TENTH AND CHESTNUT STS.,

PHILADELPHIA, March 11th, 1867

*C. M. M.*

The Council of Administration, having made as thorough examination of the various localities offered for permanent quarters for the Post as could be done in the time allowed for their labor, have determined upon the selection of the third story front room of the building at the northeast corner of Tenth and Chestnut Streets.

Their action having been approved by the Post, the room has been secured, and the work of preparing it for the reception of the Encampment has been commenced.

The next muster of the Post will be held on Friday, March 15th, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., at the said room, and it is very desirable that you should be present to participate in the arrangements for the more complete furnishing thereof.

In order that the work may be accomplished as speedily as possible, it is trusted by the Council of Administration that each comrade may be disposed to the full of his ability to extend his personal aid, by contribution or loan of either money or such articles as may be appropriately used in furnishing and ornamenting the Barracks.

No comrade should absent himself from this muster except from the most urgent and unavoidable cause.

CLAYTON McMICHAEL, *P. M. Encampment*

RECEIVED BY THE POST

Therefore on March 15th the Post took possession of its own Barracks at the northeast corner of Tenth and Chestnut Streets, handsomely furnished and fitted up by the Post, the members contributing to shares of stock of a loan created for that purpose. The membership was now increased by the addition of nineteen, as follows:—





**HENRY H. BINGHAM.**

PAST COMMANDER POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as First Lieutenant Co. G, 140th Reg't Penna. Vols., August 22, 1862.

Final muster out as Major and Judge-Advocate U. S. V., and Brevet Brigadier General U. S. V., July 2, 1866.

Wounded, head, at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863; right thigh, at Spotsylvania, May 12, 1864;

right leg, at Farmville, Va., April 7, 1865.

Mustered into Post No. 1, December 17, 1866.

Elected Post Commander July 5, 1867.

Elected Commander Lower Philadelphia District, February 8, 1867.

Henry H. Bingham, J. D. John, W. H. Lyall, E. M. Lutz, George K. Webb, James C. Keen, Francis Wistar, Jos. G. Resing, John B. Chittenden, R. W. P. Allen, S. P. Hattin, George R. Allen, Edw. Samuel N. Lewis, A. B. Gannett, E. H. Bond, J. W. K. Wright, S. W. Smith, C. F. Scribner, C. F. T. Rogers.

General Order No. 5 from Department Head-Quarters divided the State into districts, each County being a district to be known by the name of the County. Philadelphia was divided into three districts, Lower, Middle, and Upper; and General Order No. 6, dated February 8, 1867, announced the election of Comrade Henry H. Bingham, of this Post, to the command of the Lower District, being all that part of the city south of Vine Street, and the Twenty seventh Ward of West Philadelphia.

Governor John W. Geary was subsequently mustered into Post 58 at Harrisburg, and became Commander of the Dauphin District.

On July 1, 1867, Commander Bingham issued an order convening the semi-annual convention of the Lower Philadelphia District for Wednesday, July 17th, at No. 505 Chestnut Street, at which time Comrade S. B. Wylie Mitchell, of Post 2, was elected Comrade Bingham's successor as Commander of that district.

On July 5, 1867, Comrade Henry H. Bingham was elected Post Commander; S. B. Colladay, Adjutant, and Myer Asch, Quartermaster. On September 20th Comrade Colladay resigned, and E. R. Bowen was elected to fill the vacancy. Owing to alterations in the building at Tenth and Chestnut Streets, the Post was compelled to move on October 1st, and located at 1316 Chestnut Street, third story, which was also furnished and fitted up by the Post. It was here that the writer became a member; and the secrecy thrown around the notification of election and muster-in made it appear very mysterious, as the following note and answer attest:—



[Confidential.]

HEAD-QUARTERS POST NO. 1, LOWER DEPTICU OF PHILADELPHIA,  
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.

MR. J. R. C. WARD, 400 Walnut Street.

*Dear Sir,*—I have the honor to inform you that you have been elected a comrade of the "Grand Army of the Republic," and a member of this Post, and to request that you will present yourself at the Barracks, 1316 Chestnut Street, third story, on Friday evening, at eight o'clock, for enlistment and initiation, and also that you will acknowledge the receipt of this communication.

I am, very respectfully,

F. R. BOWEN, *Post-Privilege*.

PHILADELPHIA, December 4, 1867.

To which the following reply was sent:—

F. R. BOWEN, Esq., *Post-Privilege*, G. A. R., U. S.

*Dear Sir,*—Yours marked confidential and informing me of my election as a comrade in the Grand Army of the Republic, and of Post No. 1, was received this morning. I fully appreciate the honor conferred, knowing the number of noble patriots that compose the same. I regret very much that circumstances over which I have no control will prevent me presenting myself for initiation and enlistment on Friday evening next. Be kind enough to advise me of the next earliest opportunity that I can attend.

Trusting that the object of such an institution may ever prove successful, and intending to do all in my power to promote the same, I have the honor to be, sir,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Post-Privilege*.

1316 CHESTNUT STREET,

HEAD-QUARTERS POST NO. 1, G. A. R., January 1, 1868.

MR. JOS. R. C. WARD.

*Dear Sir,*—You are requested to present yourself at these Head-Quarters on Friday evening, the 3d inst., for enlistment and muster-in.

Very respectfully,

F. R. BOWEN, *Post-Privilege*.

At which time Comrade Ward was mustered.

The membership was increased twenty by the admission of the following:—





C. F. Hinckman, A. Crenshien, L. Ledermann, E. Pennington, Jr.; Henry A. Vearn, F. Hinchelbott, A. Lehman, A. Keeler, Jules Schwane, Arthur Mann, Wm. Arthur, Horace Evans, Thos. F. B. Lippert, Chas. Ross Smith, Chris. M. Prevost, James L. Brigham, H. Earnest Geschman, M. D., Geo. W. Kelly, Jos. R. C. Ward, Chris. B. Sloan.

On January 3, 1868, Comrade William Arthur was elected Commander; Horace Evans, Adjutant, and Jos. R. C. Ward, Quartermaster.

At the meeting on February 21st, the By-Laws were amended, reducing the annual dues from twelve to three dollars, and the following resolution was adopted:—

**Resolved,** That it is the sense of this Encampment that it would be expedient and proper for the Council of Administration to arrange for the disposal of our present Barracks; and, in view of the necessity of limiting our expenditures, it is deemed desirable that no permanent quarters be occupied by this Post at present.

So on March 10th the last muster was held at 1316 Chestnut Street, many of the effects of the Post were purchased by the members, the rest sent to the auction-rooms and there sold, and the Post was homeless.

It was in this year that Memorial Day was instituted by Gen. John A. Logan, then Commander-in-Chief, who on May 5th issued the following order:—

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REDEEMED,  
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5, 1868.

### **General Order No. 11.**

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defence of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is presented, but Posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, for regulation, to live, for the purpose, among other things, that of pro-



serving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion."

What can aid more to assure this result than cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death the tattoo of rebellion's tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth of the nation can add to their adornment and security, is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the going and coming of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic.

If other eyes grow dull, and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them, with the choicest flowers of spring time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, a sacred charge upon the nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphans.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in Chief to inaugurate this observance, with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the press to lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department Commanders will use efforts to make this order effective.

By order of

JOHN A. LOGAN, *Commander-in-Chief.*

N. P. CHAPMAN, *Adjutant-General.*

Our Post took no part this year, but Comrade Ward was detailed as an aide on the staff of the Department Commander. The Posts met on Broad Street, and after a short parade separated and proceeded to the cemeteries assigned to their care; the principal service of that day was performed by Post No. 19 at Monument Cemetery.

At the Department Encampment held at West Chester, Pa., January 13, 1869, Comrade Charles M. Prevost, of this Post, was elected a member of the Department Council of Administration.



**WILLIAM ARTHUR.**

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST, No. ONE.

Entered the service as Private Co. G, First Reg't Missouri Artillery, April 18, 1861.

Final muster out as Captain Co. G, First Reg't Missouri Artillery, January 1, 1865.

Mustered into Post No. 1, May 31, 1867.

Elected Post Commander January 3, 1868; re-elected February 18, 1869.

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DIED JUNE 9, 1885.

BURIED AT WOODLANDS CEMETERY, PHILADELPHIA.

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The Department Head Quarters took the large rooms on the third floor of the Bank of Republic Building, Nos. 809 and 811 Chestnut Street, and furnished and fitted them up for meeting rooms for the Posts. Post No. 1 secured the first and third Thursdays of each month, the other nights being taken by other Posts. These rooms were kept open day and night for convenience of the Posts and visiting comrades.

Commander Arthur, to try to revive the interest of the comrades in the welfare of the Post, now that they were comfortably housed again, issued the following circular:—

PHILADELPHIA, February 1, 1890.

*Comrades:*

At the last stated meeting of the Post, held January 11, 1890, it was unanimously resolved to engage the large and handsomely furnished room in the third story of the Bank of the Republic Building, Nos. 809 and 811 Chestnut Street, for two evenings a month, for the use of our Post; *viz.*, the first and third Thursdays of the month.

The said room being handsomely furnished and fitted up with all the paraphernalia, regalia, and necessary conveniences for the use of the Posts of this city, at the expense of the Department, being open to the Order generally, both day and night; therefore,

A stated muster of the Post will be held in the above room on Thursday evening, the 18th inst, at eight o'clock, P. M.

Punctual attendance particularly requested, as important business will be brought before the meeting.

By order of

WM. ARTHUR, *Post Commander*

*Order of* Jos. R. C. WARD, *Adjutant* P. C. J. C. WARD, *Quartermaster*

At the muster held in compliance with the above circular on February 18th, Comrade William Arthur was re-elected Post Commander, and Jos. R. C. Ward, Adjutant and Quartermaster.

For Memorial Day this year, Post No. 1 was assigned to act in conjunction with Post No. 8 to decorate the graves of deceased comrades in Glenwood Cemetery. The anniversary falling on Sunday,



the day was observed on Saturday. Commander Arthur, in his notice to the members, appealed to them as follows:—

"If the memory of the dead is ever sacred to the living, how much more so must that of our comrades here, who gave their lives freely for their country in her greatest peril; so let us keep their memory green in our hearts by paying this slight tribute to their last resting-places, and decorate them with nature's choicest gift,—The Flowers."

The ceremonies began early on Saturday morning, May 26th, by the assembling in Independence Square of many hundreds of soldiers' orphans from the Chester Springs School, Northern Home, Lincoln Institute, the Catholic Home, and others, and included over one hundred colored orphans from the school near Bristol. After a review by Mayor Daniel M. Fox, ex-Governor A. G. Curtin, and General Van Vleet, the children were marched to Concert Hall, Chestnut Street, below Thirteenth, and addressed by Rev. Phillips Brooks, Major Calhoun, and ex-Governor Curtin.

The Grand Army Posts all assembled at their respective headquarters, and went direct to the cemeteries to which they were assigned. A very small delegation of Post 1 joined with Post 8, and went to Glenwood Cemetery, where the soldiers' orphan children from the Northern Home assisted in the ceremonies.

Shortly afterwards Commander Arthur removed to Chicago, and all the duties of commander, as well as the necessary work of keeping the Post in existence, fell upon Adjutant Ward; notwithstanding the efforts of the Commander previous to his departure to awaken enthusiasm among the members, they were fast losing interest; the meeting room had to be given up, and the meetings abandoned.

By the action of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of





the Republic, assembled in 1869, the Order was re-organized, the entire ritual and working were completely changed, and an order was issued which required every member to present himself on or before September 30, 1869, for re-obligation and instruction in the new work. All those who failed to do so were to be honorably discharged.

Comrade McMichael was earnestly solicited to again assume the duties of Commander of Post No. 1. He cheerfully assented, and at once issued the following circular:—

PHILADELPHIA, September 27, 1869.

*MY DEAR SIR:*—As will be seen by the accompanying notice, there will be a meeting of the members of Post No. 1 at Grand Army Hall, 809 Chestnut Street, on Thursday evening next, September 30th.

There has been for some time a very decided lack of interest felt by the comrades of our Post, although the organization at large seems to be thriving and increasing in membership and spirit.

Since you were last present at a muster of the Post, the entire ritual and workings of the Order have been changed and improved, and by orders from General Head-Quarters the time within which comrades are permitted to take the new degree is limited to October 1st. Under these circumstances it has occurred to me that it would be very desirable to get together as many of our members as possible in order to decide whether we shall continue our connection with the organization or dissolve it without delay. Will you not, therefore, make it a point to be present on Thursday evening to express your opinion upon the matter? It has been suggested that it would be pleasant to continue the organization, as we hold the ranking position in the State; and this could be done with little expense by meeting at longer intervals and assessing only a sufficient sum to defray our actual expenses. I would esteem it a personal favor if you would be present at the meeting on Thursday evening.

Yours, very truly,

CLAYTON McMICHAEL

This circular had the desired effect, and brought out a large meeting; twenty-three members being present. After a long and instructive address by Comrade McMichael, and remarks by Comrade Ward, who gave a full account of the proceedings of the Department Encampment held at Altoona, the changing of the entire organization, and the advantage of continuing our membership, a free and full expression of



opinion was given by all present, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

**Resolved.** That we continue our organization as a Post, and proceed to receive the new degrees.

Comrade Jos. R. C. Ward then instructed and initiated all present in the new degrees. An election for officers was held, and Clayton McMichael was elected Commander, and Jos. R. C. Ward, Adjutant and Quartermaster.

The following comrades were present, and might well be considered the charter-members of the Post as it now exists:—

CLAYTON McMICHAEL,  
CAMPBELL TUCKER,  
ROSWELL G. FELTUS,  
J. M. McGRATH, M.D.,  
J. HARRY STEWART,  
MYER ASCH.

WM. H. HARRISON,  
HENRY H. BINGHAM,  
WM. H. LOYD,  
JNO. M. BUTLER,  
R. W. P. ALLEN,  
SAMUEL N. LEWIS.

F. TIEDEMANN,  
E. PENINGTON, JR.,  
JULES SCHWARZ,  
ARCHER MARIS,  
HORACE EVANS,  
CHAS. R. SMITH,

JAS. T. BINGHAM,  
H. E. GOODMAN, M.D.,  
GEO. W. KELLY,  
JOS. R. C. WARD,  
CHAS. B. SLOAN.

The following sent requests to be continued as members:—

ALFRED VEZIN, JOSIAH C. REIFF, H. A. VEZIN, AND CHAS. M. PREVOST.

Making a total membership of twenty-seven: all the rest were honorably discharged from the Order.

The Post then adjourned to meet at the call of the Commander.

No formal meetings of Post No. 1 were held from this time, until May 24, 1870, when this call from the Commander brought the members once more together:—

PHILADELPHIA, May 20, 1870.

*Comrades:*

At the last general meeting of the members of Post No. 1, it was unanimously agreed that, while taking no active part in the other objects and movements of the Grand Army, the ceremonies of Decoration Day should not be permitted to pass without some proper observance on our part. With this view you at that time heartily coincided, and expressed in common with all the other comrades an earnest desire that our Post organization should be continued.

The 30th of May is now close at hand, and it is time that whatever action we may take should be



definitely decided upon. Under these circumstances I trust that you will attend a meeting of the members of the Post, to be held at eight o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, May 24, 1870, at Guy's Hotel, Seventh Street, above Chestnut.

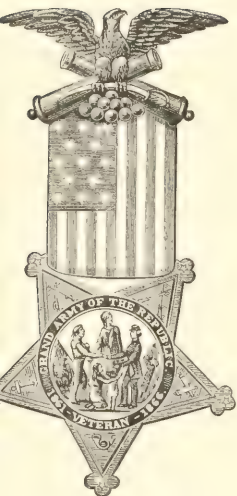
Yours in F., C., and L.,

CLAYTON McMICHAEL, *Post-Commander*

*Official: JOS. R. C. WALSH, Post-Adjutant*

Here we enjoyed a good supper at the expense of the Commander, and made what arrangements we deemed necessary for the part we were to take on Memorial Day. Again were we assigned to co-operate with Post No. 8, and went with them to Glenwood Cemetery; again were they accompanied by the soldiers' orphans, and the Girard College Band furnished the music. Rev. J. Spencer Kennard delivered an eloquent oration, and Rev. E. W. Hutter officiated as chaplain.

On June 28, 1868, General John A. Logan introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., and had it passed, to have the proceedings of Memorial Day of the different cities and towns collected and bound for the use of Congress; but two hundred and fifty copies were issued. Subsequently, in 1870, the National Encampment republished in two volumes the proceedings of 1868 and 1869, each year being a separate volume. Two thousand copies of each were printed.



No. 2.



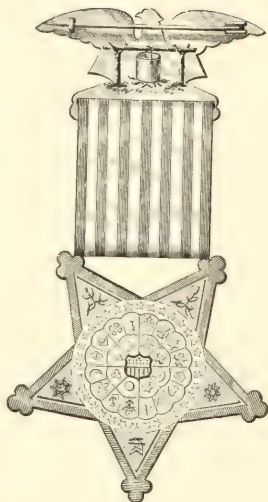
No. 1.



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No. 3.

## The Badge.

The first Badge adopted was a shield, upon which was engraved the insignia of the different arms of the army, the navy, and flags; also the letters **3. B. N.—G. A. R.**, meaning "Third Battalion" Grand Army of the Republic. See Cut No. 1 on opposite page.

At the meeting of the National Council of Administration, held at the Head-Quarters of this Post on October 1, 1868, the Eagle was adopted as a clasp, and a wreath, in which was the insignia of rank.

The following is a description of the Grand Army Badge now in use, as adopted at a special meeting of the National Encampment held in New York City, October 27-28, 1869. It was made from cannon captured during the war, and was designed by Gen. F. A. Starring, then Inspector General of the Order. It was then patented, was sold for \$1.50 each, and is now the official Badge, having been somewhat modified in 1877. See Cuts Nos. 2 and 3.

The Badge is a five-pointed star, similar in design to the Medals of Honor authorized by Congress, and given to the soldiers and sailors distinguished for meritorious and gallant conduct during the war.

*Front.*—In the centre of the Badge are a soldier and sailor clasping hands, representing **FRATERNITY**; two little children receiving benediction and assurance of care and protection from the comrades, representing **CHARITY**; and in the centre is a figure of the Goddess of Liberty, representing **LOYALTY**. On each side of the group are the National Flag and Eagle, representing **FREEDOM**; and the axe and bundle of rods, or fasces, representing **UNION**. In each point of the star is the insignia of the arms of the service, namely, the *Bugle*, for infantry; *Crossed Cannon*, for artillery; *Crossed Muskets*, for marines; *Crossed Swords*, for cavalry; and *Anchor*, for sailors. In the circle over the group are the words, "**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**;" under are the figures, "**1861—1866**," with the word "**VETERAN**" between; this represents the beginning and close of the war, the latter date also representing the year of the organization of our Order.

*Reverse.*—In the centre is the National Shield surrounded by the twenty-four recognized corps-marks numerically arranged on small keystones, united to protect the Shield of the Nation; around these is a circle of stars, representing the States of the Union, which are also Departments of our Order; in the upper points are branches of laurel; in the lower, additional corps-marks.

*The Clasp* is composed of the figure of an eagle, crossed cannon and ammunition, which represents **DEFENCE**; the eagle with drawn sword ready to protect from insult or dishonor the National Flag, which is also the emblem and ribbon of the Order.

Numbers 4 and 5 represent the G. A. R. Button now almost universally worn. It was designed and manufactured by Comrade Jos. K. Davison, of Post No. 2, of Philadelphia, and at first generously given to his friends. It at once rose into favor and became very popular, and he was unable to meet the demand for them. It is now officially recognized as the Grand Army Button, and worn by nearly all comrades.

At the National Encampment held at Boston, Mass., in May, 1871, Rev. H. Clay Trumbull, now of this Post, but then of the Department of Connecticut, was elected a member of the National Council of Administration, and was re-elected in 1872 and 1873.





Only informal meetings of Post No. 1 were held for the year following Memorial Day, 1870, until the 27th of May, 1871, when the Post met, and after a pleasant entertainment at the Union League House, elected the following officers :

Commander, Jos. R. C. Ward ; Senior Vice-Commander, Myer Asch ; Adjutant, Archer Maris ; Surgeon, H. Earnest Goodman, M. D.

For the third time we united in 1871 with Post No. 8 in the services on Memorial Day, and assisted to decorate the graves of our deceased comrades at Glenwood Cemetery. The Posts assembled at the City Hall, Thirteenth and Spring Garden Streets ; and, escorted by the State Fencibles under Captain John W. Ryan, marched to the cemetery with three large omnibuses filled with the soldiers' orphan children from the Northern Home. Rev. P. S. Henson officiated as chaplain, and Rev. E. W. Hutter delivered the oration. *The Press*, in its account of the occasion, said :—

" Amongst those participating in the celebration we noticed a number of the members of Post No. 1, who co-operated with Post No. 8, under command of J. R. C. Ward "

We also sent contributions of flowers to Post No. 2, and received from them the following resolution of thanks :—

" At a meeting of this Post, held at their Head-Quarters, S. W. corner Twelfth and Filbert Streets, June 1, 1871, to take action on the report of the Committee on Memorial Day, May 30, 1871, it was

" **Resolved**, That the thanks of Post No. 2, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., Philadelphia, are due and are hereby tendered to Jos. R. C. Ward and Post No. 1

" CHARLES S. GREENE, *Post Adjutant*.

ROBERT L. BODINI, *Post Commander* "

Comrade Ward, realizing that something must be done to awaken the Post from its long sleep, determined to infuse new life into it, if possible. On July 15, 1871, he issued the following circular, appealing to the comrades to aid him in his efforts :—



# HEAD-QUARTERS POST NO. 1, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, July 15, 1871.

*Comrade:*

Having been elected Commander of this Post for the ensuing year, at a special meeting held at the Union League on the evening of May 27, 1871, I hereby assume command of the same, and announce the Head Quarters of the Post at No. 411 Walnut Street, where all official communications will be addressed.

The following are the other officers of the Post elected:—

Senior Vice-Commander	-	-	-	-	MYER ASCH
Post Adjutant	-	-	-	-	ARCHER MARKS.
Post Surgeon	-	-	-	-	H. EARNEST GOODMAN.
Delegate to Convention	-	-	-	-	CLAYTON MCMICHAEL.

It is with reluctance that I take upon myself the responsibilities of Commander of this the Veteran Post of this Department, knowing that there are those in the Post who are certainly more entitled and more competent for the same; but I assume them with the determination to discharge my duties to the best of my ability, with this one object in view—to re-organize and re-establish the Post, that its influence may once more be felt throughout the Department; and to do this I ask your hearty co-operation, individually and collectively.

I have already received applications of several comrades of the late war, who are anxious to associate themselves with us, which I will submit for your consideration at some future time, together with all others that may be received.

It having been decided by the National Encampment, held at Boston, Mass., in May last, to change the Manual and secret workings of the Order, the one now in use will cease to be recognized; therefore every member of this Post will be required to be initiated into the new. I shall call a special meeting some time after the first of September to initiate all members in good standing, and ask that every one will hold himself in readiness to attend the said meeting, upon receiving a special note for that purpose.

At the Semi-annual Convention of the Department, to be held at Erie, Pa., on the 26th inst., all Delegates of Posts in good standing will receive the new Manual, and be initiated in the unwritten work.

I remain, comrade, very respectfully yours in F., C., and L.,

JOSEPH C. WARD, *Post Commander*,  
No. 411 Walnut Street.

On November 20th, in his call for a meeting on November 27th, he said:—

*Comrade:*

PHILADELPHIA, November 20, 1871.

An important Special Meeting of the Post will be held on Monday evening, the 27th inst., at eight o'clock, at the room of Post No. 2, G. A. R., "Temperance Hall," southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert Streets, third story: entrance on Filbert Street.



Having for a long period remained inactive, the Commander trusts that you will now respond to the call for duty and attend this muster without fail; that the interest once taken by you in the Grand Army of the Republic and in the Post may be revived, and as we meet the familiar faces of our comrades, with whom we have so often and so pleasantly met in secret council, may it tend to induce us to once more go to work in earnest and again place our Post upon its former standing. As there will be some very important business to be brought before the meeting, the Commander requests that you will, if only for this once, attend, that your presence alone may assist him to discharge his duties, and then decide if the Post shall continue or become one of the things that were.

By order of

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Post-Commander*

*Official: ARTHUR MARRS, Post-Treasurer*

As a result of these circulars a decided interest was made manifest by the members, and Commander Ward felt encouraged to persevere in his efforts to have the Post once more take its stand among the other Posts in the active work of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On January 10th the following circular was sent to each comrade:—

PHILADELPHIA, January 10, 1872

*Comrade:*

A regular monthly meeting of the Post will be held on Monday evening, the 14th inst., at the Post Rooms, southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert Streets, third story.

The Commander requests the attendance of every member of the Post, as the following important business will be transacted:

- I. Election of officers.
- II. Installation of officers, in accordance with the New Manual prepared at National Head-Quarters.
- III. Election of Delegates to the Department Encampment, to be held in this city on the 24th inst.
- IV. Initiation of new members in the New Manual and secret workings of the Order.

The Commander trusts, as the Post has once more resumed its activity, and now meets monthly at its handsomely-furnished rooms, that each of the old members, and those about to become members, will cooperate with him to place the Post upon its former standing.

Those members who have not yet paid their dues for 1871 (\$3), and cannot attend this meeting, are requested to forward the same to the Commander, at No. 426 Walnut Street.

Cards of admission to the Banquet to be given to the Delegates of the Department Encampment on the evening of the 24th inst., at the Continental Hotel, can be had of the Commander.

By order of

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Post-Commander*

*Official: ARTHUR MARRS, Post-Treasurer*



JOSEPH R. C. WARD.

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Musician Co. I, 106th Reg't Penna. Vols., August 24, 1861.

Final discharge as Corporal Co. I, 106th Reg't Penna. Vols., September 10, 1864.

Wounded, right shoulder, at Spotsylvania Court House, Va., May 12, 1864.

Mustered into Post No. 1, January 3, 1868.

Elected Post Quartermaster February 7, 1868; re-elected February 18, 1869; September 30, 1869;

May 27, 1871; December 10, 1873; December 16, 1874; December 8, 1875; December 13, 1876.

Elected Post Adjutant February 18, 1869; re-elected September 30, 1869.

Appointed Post Adjutant July 14, 1879; re-appointed January 5, 1880.

Elected Post Commander May 17, 1871; re-elected December 12, 1871; December 11, 1872.

Appointed Assistant Inspector-General May 31, 1876.

On January 14, 1872, Jos. R. C. Ward was re-elected Commander, and Archer Maris, Adjutant.

Meetings were now held monthly at the southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert Streets. Up to this time no efforts were made to recruit our membership. We had been reduced by the re-organization in September, 1869, from fifty-eight to twenty-three; four were subsequently added, which made twenty-seven; six of these were afterwards discharged, so that we started the year 1872 with but twenty-one members.

It was deemed advisable to meet semi-monthly, so on May 20th, Commander Ward issued the following circular:—

PHILADELPHIA, May 20, 1872

*Comrade:*

A regular semi monthly meeting of this Post will be held on Wednesday evening, the 22d inst., at the Post's Rooms, southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert Streets, at eight o'clock.

The Commander takes pleasure in informing the Comrades of this Post that he has secured the present rooms for another evening in the month, and hereafter the regular meetings of the Post will be held semi-monthly, as follows: on the *second Monday* and the *fourth Wednesday*.

The Commander earnestly requests that you will attend this meeting of the Post, to assist in the election and nomination of the following comrades:

By order of

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Post Commander*

*Official:* ARCHER MARIS, *Post Adjutant*

On Memorial Day in 1872 the Post again united with Post No. 8. Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30th, proved to be stormy: it rained nearly all day, so that the services were postponed by many of the Posts until Sunday, June 2d, on which day Post No. 8 performed their services at Glenwood Cemetery. The State Fencibles and the soldiers' orphans again accompanied the Posts. Rev. Richard Shields officiated as chaplain, and Rev. James Neall delivered the oration.





By hard and persistent work, and perhaps by not making known our small membership, Commander Ward was able to secure and have mustered into the Post three recruits—

COMRADES ANSEL HAMBERG, MORRIS BRIGGS, AND JAMES B. DIEHL.

In General Order No. 24 from Department Head-Quarters, dated January 30, 1872, Comrade Jas. R. Mullikin, of this Post, then of Post No. 27, was appointed Assistant Quartermaster-General by Department Commander Frank Reeder; was reappointed in 1873, 1874, and 1875; and in 1876 was elected a member of the Department Council of Administration.

Shortly afterwards Commander Ward received the following notice of appointment on a Special Committee to investigate the mismanagement of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools:—

EASTON, PV., February 2, 1872.

*My Dear Ward* — You have been appointed with Colonel Orr, of Post 2, and Captain Norris, of Post 19, upon the Secret Examining Committee to investigate charges of neglect or mismanagement in any of the Orphan Schools. Colonel Beath thinks that General Wagner will be able to procure passes to cover your travelling expenses. Please write me whether you will accept.

Yours, very truly, in F., C., and L.,

FRANK REEDER, *Department Commander*.

PHILADELPHIA, February 7, 1872.

Colonel FRANK REEDER, *Department Commander G., A. R.* :

*Comrade*,—Your notification of my appointment as a member of the Examining Committee is received, and the appointment accepted with pleasure; will be ready to discharge the duties of the same whenever called upon.

Will you please investigate the matter I wrote to Colonel Beath about, in regard to my election as Alternate Delegate to the National Encampment, and let me know the result?

Yours, etc., in F., C., and L.,

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Commander Post No. 1*.



## **Our Name: Geo. G. Meade.**

MAJOR-GENERAL GEORGE GORDON MEADE DIED NOVEMBER 8, 1872.

On November 11th, while riding at the head of his command, Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, then Colonel of one of the regiments of the National Guard of this city (the brigade being the junior brigade and he the junior colonel, gave him the extreme right of the escort), was impressed with the quiet and reverential respect shown to Pennsylvania's great soldier, Major-General George G. Meade, as his remains were being escorted through the streets of our city from St. Mark's Church to Fairmount Park, where they were placed upon the boat and taken to Laurel Hill; and he decided that this, the senior Post of this Department, should bear Meade's name, and thus ever keep before his surviving comrades a name so dear to the Army of the Potomac, to our city, to the state, and to the nation. Commander Ward immediately notified Department Head-Quarters that Post No. 1 had adopted the name of Gen. George G. Meade; and none too soon, as other Posts desired to do the same. At the next meeting of the Post, on January 8, 1873, this action of the Commander was approved, and Post No. 1 became George G. Meade Post No. 1. To-day it stands without a peer in the noble galaxy of Grand Army Posts, and the hero whose name it bears will ever remain sacred to Pennsylvania, for it was upon her soil that he broke the backbone of the Rebellion, and won the greatest battle of modern times — GETTYSBURG.

On December 11, 1872, the annual election of officers to serve for the year 1873, resulted in the re-election of Jos. R. C. Ward as Commander, and on January 3, 1873, he issued the following order:—



PHILADELPHIA, January 3, 1873.

The undersigned, having been re-elected Commander of Post No. 1, again assumes the responsibilities of the office, with a hope that during the ensuing year he may receive the hearty support of each member in the endeavor to bring the Post up to its former sphere of influence and usefulness. The additions of new members to our muster-rolls during the past year, indicate that it only requires a small amount of effort upon the part of our members to fill our ranks.

The following comrades were also elected officers for the ensuing year :

MYER ASCH	- - - - -	Senior Vice-Commander.
ANSEL HAMBERG	- - - - -	Junior Vice-Commander.
H. EARNEST GOODMAN, M. D.	- - - - -	Post Surgeon.
MORRIS BRIGGS	- - - - -	Post Quartermaster.
J. H. STEWART	- - - - -	Delegate to Department Encampment.
MORRIS BRIGGS and JULES SCHWARZ	- - - - -	Alternates.

Comrade JAS. B. DIEHL is hereby appointed Post Adjutant, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The regular meetings of the Post will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at the new rooms, southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert Streets, at eight o'clock P. M., except during the months of July and August.

The first regular meeting of this year will be held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at eight o'clock. Every member is earnestly requested to attend.

BUSINESS: Installation of officers, initiation of members, instruction to Delegates to Department Encampment, etc., etc.

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Post Commander*  
At 111 Walnut Street

*On file.* JAMES B. DIEHL, *Post Adjutant*

General Orders No. 36, Department of Pennsylvania, dated April 11, 1873, announced the appointment of Commander Jos. R. C. Ward as an aide to the Department Commander, and assigned him to duty with the Assistant Quartermaster-General.

At the meeting held on May 12th it was decided to accept the invitation of Post No. 8, to co-operate with them on Memorial Day in decorating the graves of our deceased comrades at Glenwood Cemetery.

In pursuance of this action of the Post, Commander Ward issued the following order :—



PHILADELPHIA, May 26, 1873

*Comrade :*

At the regular meeting of the Post, held at the Post Rooms, southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert Streets, on Monday evening, the 12th inst., it was decided to accept the invitation of Post No. 8, to co-operate with them on the 30th inst., to decorate the graves of our deceased comrades in Glenwood Cemetery.

Comrades of this Post will therefore meet at Spring Garden Hall, Thirteenth and Spring Garden Sts., on Friday, the 30th inst., at 2 P. M. Dress: dark clothes, fatigue cap, and white gloves.

Comrades will exert themselves to procure all the flowers they possibly can, as well as plants in pots (as there are over six hundred graves to decorate), and send the same before twelve o'clock on Friday, to the Commander, at his residence, No. 1231 Arch Street.

By order of

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Post-Commander.*

*Official :* JAMES B. DILLI, *Post-Adjutant.*

The battalion of soldiers' orphans cadets acted as escort, with their own band, the girls riding in two large omnibuses. Rev. A. J. Rowland, who years afterwards became a member of this Post, officiated as chaplain, and Rev. P. S. Henson delivered the oration.

It was during this year that strenuous efforts were made to deprive the Post of its charter, and wipe it out of existence : first at the Department Encampment, but it was found that the law had always been complied with,—all reports and returns properly made out and duly forwarded with the necessary per capita tax : then it was attempted on account of membership, as it was claimed that the members existed only on paper, as no one had seen any of its members, except Comrade Jos. R. C. Ward, with one or two exceptions : but it was proven satisfactorily that the twenty-four members did really exist, and complied with all the laws : and, finally, because no meetings were held,—that, while all official records showed that for two years past regular meetings were held, yet when any one came to these meetings no one was found there but Comrade Ward, and sometimes one or two others, who were always





ready with excuses that others had been present and gone home, or the weather prevented others from coming ; too warm, too cold, too stormy, as the night happened to be. Finally the Department Inspector was instructed to make a final inspection of the Post, and if not enough members were found to properly conduct business, to report the Post for disbandment. After two unsuccessful attempts to find a sufficient number of members present, he decided to give the Post one more chance ; accordingly a few days before another of the regular meeting nights, Commander Ward was informed by the Inspector that he would be present that night to make his final inspection of the Post.

The Commander visited many of the members and wrote others, making a personal appeal for them to attend this meeting, and finally issued the following circular :—

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, 1873

*Comrade :*

The regular annual meeting of Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania, will be held at the Post Rooms, southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert Streets, third story, on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., at 8.30 P. M.

The Commander most earnestly requests that every comrade will make extra exertion to be present at this muster, especially those who have not been able to attend the previous musters of the Post during the present year, as there will be transacted business of importance as well as interesting and instructive, including :

- I. The Annual Inspection by the Department Inspector.
- II. The initiation of new members.
- III. The instruction of those who have not yet received the new work.
- IV. The annual report of the Commander, including the Quartermaster's report of all funds received and disbursed.
- V. The election of officers and delegates.
- VI. General business.

By order of

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Post Commander*  
100 South Second Street

*Order of* JAMES B. DUHH, *Post Adjutant*



Fortunately for Post No. 1 that night proved to be a very stormy one. The rain fell in torrents from early evening until after midnight. The Inspector came, and found but three comrades present, who told him that the storm had undoubtedly prevented others from attending. He examined carefully our books and records, and thought they indicated activity and interest: those present assured him of their determination to work to build up the Post, exhibited two new applications, and then requested to be given another trial. This he recommended, and that saved Post No. 1.

We afterwards learned that he reported us struggling hard to get along, needing some encouragement, and advised a longer trial.

As this was also the annual meeting, Commander Ward submitted his annual report in writing, giving in full the work of the Post, and the work for the Post for the whole year, from which report the following extract is taken:—

*Comrades of the Grand Mother Post No. 1*

Another year has passed since you elected me for the third time Commander of this Post. A year in which nearly every Post in this Department has so improved in numbers and efficiency, as to receive the commendation of the Department Commander; but I am sorry to state that this Post has not, notwithstanding that I have devoted a great deal of time and labor, and endeavored to make this year fruitful to Post No. 1. While we have added a few recruits to our ranks, they have but taken the places of those whom business or other important interests have taken from us. One gone to Massachusetts, with transfer-card to connect with the Order there; one to California; another to New York, on account of health; one away with the U. S. Navy; while quite a number seem to have lost all interest in our organization. Comrades, can I not arouse you to a sense of duty when I remind you that this is Post No. 1, the senior Post in this Department, one of the oldest in the country, and in this Department alone there are about a hundred Posts working together to carry on the work you so well began? The work of cementing together in holy bonds of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty those who stood side by side during those dark days of our country's peril, and by their noble deeds maintained unsullied their country's flag, and finally restored peace throughout the land. Fraternity of feeling and interest, begun on the march and cemented in the fire of battle; Charity towards



those whom God has left to our care and protection, the widows and orphans of our deceased comrades; and Loyalty to our country and flag.

And when I ask you to look back to the early history of this Post, organized over seven years ago, and see the distinguished comrades enrolled in its ranks, who by their devotion to the cause advanced this Post until its influence was felt throughout this Commonwealth, and then handed it over to us to continue the work they have so well begun, will it not arouse you to do something?

I further ask your attention to the following:

We have held during the year eight meetings, and only the same few familiar faces greeted us, and even those few were not willing to do more than attend the meetings; so that all the work of the Post fell upon me. I had to preside at all meetings, keep the records of same, answer all communications, make out all reports and returns, act on all committees attend to all the collection and disbursement of the finances, keep all the books and papers, and, finally, do all the recruiting. I therefore appeal to you, each one, and ask that you now lend all the assistance you can to the incoming officers, that their labors may not be so hard as mine have been, and be productive of much better results. Let each one of you try and see what you can do, each one try to add at least one recruit, give a portion of your time, attend the meetings, and give more liberally of your means, and thus encourage those who are willing and ready to do the rest.

Last May this Post co-operated with Post No. 8, and assisted them to decorate the graves of our deceased comrades in Glenwood Cemetery, only eight of our members turning out. Let me ask that you will take a more active and prominent part in this beautiful and touching ceremony, and that next year we may act alone as a Post, and take upon ourselves the responsibility of decorating the soldiers' graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery, to which no Post has been assigned, but which has been sadly neglected. \* \*

Shortly after the election of officers, Comrade Briggs, elected Post Quartermaster, was compelled to give up his business and leave the city on account of his health, therefore the duties of that office also fell upon me, and I herewith submit the following report. (Here follows an itemized account for the year, showing the receipts to have been, with balance on hand, \$57.15; expenditures, \$55.25; leaving a balance of \$1.90.)

In conclusion, comrades, let me once more appeal to you, and ask that you give my successor what assistance you can, and thus enable him to make a much more favorable report at the end of his term of office.

During 1873 three more recruits were mustered:—

JOHN M'LEISH, WILLIAM ARTHUR (RE-ELECTED), AND GEO. W. DEVINNY.

On December 10, 1873, Commander Ward was strongly urged to serve another year as Commander, but positively declined, and Myer Asch was elected.



MYER ASCH.

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Second Lieutenant Co. H, First Reg't N. J. Cavalry, December 6, 1861.

Final muster out as Captain Co. H, First Reg't N. J. Cavalry, and Brevet Major U. S. V., March 29, 1865.

Mustered into Post No. 1, November 15, 1866.

Elected Post Quartermaster January 4, 1867; re-elected July 5, 1867.

Elected Senior Vice-Commander January 3, 1868; re-elected May 27, 1871; December 11, 1872.

Elected Post Commander December 10, 1873.

On January 10, 1874, Commander Asch issued an order announcing the officers elected, as follows :—

PHILADELPHIA, January 10, 1874

*Comrade :* The Commander takes pleasure in announcing to the comrades of this Post the election of the following comrades as officers of the Post for the ensuing year :

ANSLEY HAMBERG	Senior Vice Commander.
JULES SCHWARZ	Junior Vice Commander.
H. EARNEST GOODMAN, M. D.	Post Surgeon.
JOS. R. C. WARD	Post Quartermaster.
JOS. R. C. WARD	Delegate to Department Encampment
WM. H. LOYD and JAS. B. DIEHL	Alternates.

Comrade JAS. B. DIEHL is appointed Post Adjutant, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The regular monthly meeting of the Post will be held at the Post Rooms on Wednesday evening next, the 14th inst., at 8 o'clock, and the Commander requests that comrades will endeavor to attend this meeting.

BUSINESS : Installation of officers, instruction of delegates.

By order of

MYER ASCH, *Post Commander.*

*200 North Walnut Street*

*Official :* JAMES B. DIEHL, *Post Adjutant*

On May 10th the first death in the Post occurred, that of Comrade Morris Briggs, of consumption, Quartermaster of the Post for the preceding year. He was buried at Lebanon, N. Y.

**Morris Briggs** was born in Lebanon, State of New York; enlisted in Co. H, 56th Regt., Ills. Vols., on the 14th day of August, 1862; held the office of First Lieutenant, and was discharged from 8th Regt., V.R.C., April 2, 1866. He joined Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, April 8, 1872, and died May 10, 1874, aged 38 years. Buried at Lebanon Cemetery, Lebanon, Madison County, N. Y.

This year the Post decided to take a long step in the advance for Memorial Day, and determined to act alone, and take charge of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Commander Asch issued the following circular :—

PHILADELPHIA, May 25, 1874.

*Comrade :* Post No. 1 resolved at its last meeting to act independently this year in the beautiful and touching ceremony of decorating the graves of our deceased comrades, and will take charge of Laurel Hill and Mt. Vernon Cemeteries.





Comrades who intend participating will assemble at the Post Rooms, southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert Streets, at three o'clock P. M., on Saturday, the 30th inst.

Dress: Black suit, white vest and gloves, and black silk hat.

All contributions of flowers to be sent to the residence of Jos. R. C. Ward, Post Quartermaster, at 1231 Arch Street, who will acknowledge receipt of the same on behalf of the Post, and who will call in person on each member to receive his donation towards defraying the expenses, which the Commander trusts will be liberal, as this is the first time since its organization that the Post has undertaken to act alone in this ceremony.

The services will be at the grave of General Meade, at Laurel Hill Cemetery, at four o'clock.

By order of

MYER ASCH, *Post Commander.*

*Official:* JAMES B. DILLI, *Post Adjutant.*

Circulars were also sent to many of our citizens, informing them that the Post would decorate the graves of their deceased comrades in Laurel Hill Cemetery, asking for donations of money and flowers, also asking the co-operation of the families and friends of all soldiers buried there, to assist them in suitably marking their graves. This met with a generous response, many liberal donations both of money and flowers were received. Of the services we will let *The Press* speak:—

"The members of Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1 assembled at their Rooms, Twelfth and Filbert Streets, at three o'clock, in charge of Myer Asch, Commander, and proceeded in carriages, accompanied by the choir of young ladies from the Grace M. E. Church, via Broad and Green Streets to Fairmount Park, and through the East Park to South Laurel Hill. At this place a halt was made, and, guided by the Superintendent, decorated thirty-five graves with flowers and a small flag, among which were those of Walter S. Newhall and Gen. E. M. Gregory; thence to Central Laurel Hill, where six graves were decorated, including Gen. Frank Patterson and Capt. Biddle; then drove to North Laurel Hill, close to the grave of Gen. Meade, where a large audience was assembled. The regular Memorial Service of the Grand Army of the Republic was commenced by the choir, who sang

"Blest are the martyred dead, who for  
In holy graves for Freedom won

"Comrade Ward presided in the absence of the Post Commander, Comrade James Heslet delivered the prayer, and after the anthem

"Blest be the ground where our heroes are laid,

Comrade James R. Mullikin deposited on the simple and unpretentious mound which marks the remains of Gen. Meade a large cross and crown of exquisite and costly flowers, donated for the express purpose by



Mrs. M. A. Binder. The orator of the day, Col. Jos. R. C. Ward, then delivered an appropriate and well-written address." He said:

*"Comrades and Friends:*

"We have assembled here to-day to honor with fitting ceremonies those who died in the defence of our country, to decorate their graves with the garlands of spring, and to give expression in words to the feelings that animate us in the discharge of this noble duty.

"We are here to decorate the graves of men who a few short years ago were in the enjoyment of all the blessings of this life, as you are to-day, but when the peace of our country was threatened, our flag insulted, and the call to arms sounded, rushed as you did to defend that country and vindicate the honor of that flag; and to-day they fill numberless graves in every city, village, and hamlet churchyard throughout this entire land, thousands of them in unknown graves; and, but for the care of an all-wise Providence, you, too, might now be occupying one of those unknown graves, where no loving hand could place upon it a few flowers as spring after spring rolls around; therefore, comrades, let us give thanks to God that He has spared us, and here, on this hallowed ground, with the angel spirits of our departed comrades, friends and relatives hovering over us, solemnly pledge ourselves that, so long as our lives are spared, we will assemble each spring with the beautiful flowers, and most cheerfully perform this beautiful and touching ceremony, so that when we are gathered to our rest, this labor of love, so faithfully performed by us who shared with them the same hardships, fought in the same fields side by side, gave our blood, and some of us our limbs, for the same cause, may, too, have those who are left gather around our graves, saying that while we lived we were faithful to our comrades, let us be faithful to them, and drop a few flowers upon their graves.

"And, comrades, more especially do we feel ourselves unable to pay a just tribute to the comrade around whose grave we are now assembled,—Pennsylvania's son, one of the nation's greatest generals, and Philadelphia's beloved citizen,—Major-General George Gordon Meade, after whom this, the oldest Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, is named. Born on a foreign soil, of American parentage, he was educated and graduated with high honors at West Point in 1835. He entered the Second Artillery. Resigning in 1836, he was re-appointed in 1842 in the Corps of Topographical Engineers, in which he served on routine duty until the breaking out of the War with Mexico, where he served with distinction on the staffs of Generals Taylor and Scott. At the conclusion of that campaign he was again placed on routine service in his corps. At the commencement of the late war he was again called into active service; appointed a Brigadier-General of Volunteers, and placed in command of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps. He served with the Army of the Potomac through all its campaigns, being severely wounded at the Battle of Glendale, in June, 1862. Returning to the field in September, he was appointed to the command of a division. After the battle of Fredericksburg he was placed in command of the Fifth Corps (having previously been made a Major-General), which he retained until June 28, 1863, proving himself everywhere a brave, zealous and competent officer, when he was called upon to take command of that grand old army—the Army of the



Potomac. Assuming command of that army, he nobly summoned it to duty by an order, of which the following is an extract :

‘ This order looks this army too brave in its devotion and discharge of an Eastern mission. Whatever fatigues and sacrifices we may be called upon to undergo, let us have in view constantly the magnitude of the interests involved, and let each determine to do his duty, leaving to an all-controlling Providence the decision of the contest.’

“ Comrades, you remember when we were drawn up in line and that order was read to us, how it went straight to the heart of each man, and how each one there determined to do his duty, trusting to an all-wise Providence the result; and on that memorable third of July, at Gettysburg, just after the repulse of that terrible onslaught on the 2d corps in the mad effort to break through our lines, when told by General Gibbon, who temporarily commanded the 2d corps, that the enemy ‘ was entirely repulsed,’ he raised his hat, turned his eyes to heaven, and said, ‘ Thank God!’ Not as you or I would have said it, but from the bottom of his heart, showing that he did rely upon God for the result.

“ In the long series of battles which followed—the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and every conflict up to the last—although suffering much from malarial fever, unable at times to sit his horse, he still directed that army with that high idea of duty expressed in his order assuming command of it, and was faithful to the close of its existence. And his command in the Southern States after the war exhibited that firmness, humanity and justice which were the attributes of his character, and made his civil life as honorable as his military record.

“ Comrades, here lies all that remains of the leader of that great army; let us leave him to his long repose, to his pure, unsullied and well-earned fame—a Christian gentleman, a beloved citizen, a wise, true and brave soldier.

“ Comrades, this day, and perhaps at this very hour, there are assembled in nearly every cemetery throughout this entire land, loving comrades, friends and relatives, assisting in this same work that has called us here; does it not arouse within you that old patriotism that prompted you when the bugle sounded to arms, to fly to the assistance of your country? Does it not thrill your hearts? Does it not awaken within a devout feeling and sympathy for the dead, to know that at this very moment there are thousands of comrades with one accord marshalled together for this duty of peace, to strew upon thousands of graves of our dead comrades, again wet with the fresh tears of these widows and orphans, the beautiful flowers which God in His mercy gives to us each year, weaved into bouquets and wreaths by woman’s gentle hands?

“ Think of it, my dear friends, that this whole land, North and South, East and West, is to day paying this loving tribute to those who gave up their lives for their country; and, my friends, as I said before, ‘ but for the care of a kind Providence you might now be sleeping beside them, and those dead to you left to the cold charity of this world.’ Even now who knows but that ere another year rolls around some one of us may be laid to rest, for it is only two short weeks since I was startled by the announcement that one of the comrades of this Post had gone to join that grand army above—a comrade who was a dear friend of mine, who I brought into our Post only a little over a year ago, and as I held his hand as he took the obligation of our



Order I little thought he would so soon be initiated into that grand army above; and although we cannot cluster around his grave, and with loving hands and mournful hearts strew upon it spring's choicest flowers, we are consoled that, though buried far away from us, our comrades of our sister State will not neglect his new-made grave, but with the same devotion that brings us here, cover it with the garlands of spring; and the heart of his widow and bright six-year-old boy will be gladdened to know that although buried among strangers, there are there comrades who will assemble each year and decorate that grave; so, comrades, let us so long as God spares our lives meet, and cheerfully and faithfully perform this beautiful ceremony, for you know not how many loving hearts are made glad; and when we are laid by their side, the hearts of those dear to us will be gladdened by this loving tribute paid to us.

"Now, my friends, a few words to you. The Grand Army of the Republic, whose representatives are to-day clustered around the graves of their dead comrades, is no mere religious or political organization, but men bound together by three great principles,—Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,—without regard to religion, politics, color, sect or nationality; only requiring a man to have faithfully served this country in her time of need, and to have received an honorable discharge. Fraternity of feeling and interest toward all good and true soldiers of the Republic, Charity toward our maimed and helpless comrades, and Loyalty to our country and flag. And, my dear friends, as each year rolls around our number must decrease and the work left to us must necessarily increase and become more laborious; therefore let me ask you, if you know any comrade who has faithfully served his country and is not associated with us, that you will use all your influence to have him unite with us and assist us in this our pleasant duty, and be ever ready yourself to give what assistance and encouragement you can.

"And in conclusion, comrades, let me again ask you on this sacred ground to pledge yourselves anew to faithfully live up to the principles of our Order, and faithfully perform this beautiful ceremony in all Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, calling upon God to keep you true and steadfast."

"The singing of the doxology concluded the services. A detachment of the Post, in charge of Jas. R. Mullikin, proceeded in a carriage to Mount Vernon and Mount Peace Cemeteries; thirty-five graves, including those of Commodore Ritchie, Col. Van Leer, and Capt. W. K. Hopkins, were decorated at the former place, and over twenty at the latter; while those comrades remaining decorated over fifty graves in North Laurel Hill.

There were but four comrades of the Post who performed these services,—James Heslet, H. Earnest Goodman, M. D., Geo. W. Devinnny, and Jos. R. C. Ward; James R. Mullikin, of Post No. 27, making five, who decorated over one hundred and fifty graves in five different cemeteries. Comrades Mullikin, Goodman and Devinnny went to Mt.



JAMES HESLET.

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as First Sergeant Co. K, Third Reg't Penna. Cavalry, August 19, 1861.

Final muster out as Second Lieutenant Co. K, Third Reg't Penna. Cavalry, March 11, 1865.

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, May 13, 1874, on transfer from Fred. Taylor Post No. 19,  
Department of Pennsylvania.

Elected Post Commander December 16, 1874.

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DIED NOVEMBER 22, 1875.

BURIED AT PORT CARBON, SCHUYLKILL CO., PA

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Vernon and Mt. Peace, while Comrades Heslet and Ward decorated the graves in North Laurel Hill.

During the year 1874 but three comrades were added to the roll:

WILBUR F. GEER, JAMES HESLET AND JAMES R. MULLIKIN.

On December 16th Comrade James Heslet was elected Commander, and on January 3, 1875, he issued the following order:—

The undersigned, having been elected Commander of George G. Meade Post No. 1, assumes the responsibilities of the office, with a hope that during the ensuing year he may receive the hearty support of each member in the endeavor to bring the Post up to its former sphere of influence and usefulness.

The following comrades were elected officers for the ensuing year:

JAS. R. MULLIKIN	Senior Vice-Commander
GEO. W. DEVINNY - - - -	Junior Vice-Commander.
H. EARNST GOODMAN, M. D.	Post Surgeon.
JOS. R. C. WARD	Post Quartermaster
WILBUR F. GEER	Officer of the Day
JOS. R. C. WARD - - - -	Delegate to Department Encampment.
GEO. W. DEVINNY and JAS. E. HAMBERG.	Alternates.

The regular meetings of the Post will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Post Rooms, southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert Streets, at eight o'clock, P. M.

The first regular meeting of this year will be held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at eight o'clock. Every member is earnestly requested to attend.

BUSINESS: Installation of officers; initiation of members; instruction to delegates to Department Encampment, which is to be held at Chester, Pa., on the 27th inst.

JAMES HESLET, *Post Commander*  
*U. S. Army*

To secure the co-operation of the members the following was prepared, and a copy sent to each member:—

PHILADELPHIA, January 9, 1875.

The undersigned, members of George G. Meade Post No. 1, G. A. R., appreciating the many difficulties a few of the remaining members have had to contend with to maintain its organization, and believing that the time when an individual expression of opinion on topics vital to the future usefulness of the Post has arrived, do hereby pledge ourselves to be present at the meeting to be held on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., and thus assist those whose indomitable will and love for the Order has held the Charter of the Post for the last five years, and then and there decide whether the glorious history of the Post (being the oldest in the State and one of the oldest in the Order) shall always remain as of the past, or its future be still



more fruitful of good results to our comrades, ourselves, or the Order at large; with this end in view we pledge ourselves to secure the attendance at this meeting of as many of the old members as we can reach.

Signed	MYER ASCH,	JAMES B. DILLI,	JOS. R. C. WARD,
	R. W. P. ALLEN,	H. FARNEST GOODMAN,	CHAS. B. SLOAN,
	J. R. MULLIKIN,	WM. H. LOYD,	JAMES HESLET,
	J. SCHWARTZ,	GEO. W. DEVINNY,	

An earnest and interesting discussion took place, each one present taking part, and again did they decide to continue the organization and bend all their energies to build up the Post.

On March 5th a benefit for the Post was given at Wood's Museum, by Miss Helen M. Houghton, who appeared as *Juliet* in Shakespeare's tragedy of "Romeo and Juliet," with Mr. Lewis Morrison as *Romeo*. The committee having it in charge, consisting of Comrades Jos. R. C. Ward, Geo. W. Devinny and Jas. R. Mullikin, issued the following circular:—

PHILADELPHIA, February 27, 1875

*Dear Sir and Comrade:* At the last meeting of this Post the undersigned were appointed a committee to take such steps as in their judgment might be necessary to replenish their "relief fund," which has proved inadequate to meet the demands made upon it by applicants entitled to our aid.

The unusual severity of the winter, as well as the dullness of trade, has not only exhausted our Post fund, but has been a constant drain upon our individual resources, as it has no doubt been upon your own.

Our inability to relieve all the cases brought to our notice compels us to ask your aid and co-operation in the disposal of the enclosed tickets of admission to an entertainment to be given at Wood's Museum on Friday evening, March 5, 1875, the profit of which will be sacredly devoted to this object. Aside from the charitable object in view, we assure you of the full worth of the money in a most delightful entertainment.

Shakespeare's tragedy of "Romeo and Juliet" will be produced, with the beautiful and talented young actress, Miss Helen Houghton, as *Juliet*, and Mr. Lewis Morrison as *Romeo*, and a full and satisfactory support.

We respectfully ask that you assist us in this effort, and that you remit the amount of your sales to the office of the Chairman, No. 105 South Fourth Street, on or before 1 P. M., March 5th.

W. F. HERRIN, very truly yours, in F. C., and F.

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Chairman*.

GEO. W. DEVINNY,

JAS. R. MULLIKIN,

*Committee.*

This netted a good sum for the relief fund of the Post.



General Orders No. 3 from Department Head-Quarters, dated March 10, 1875, announced the appointment of Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, of the Post, as Assistant Inspector, and assigned him to inspect Post 25, at Chester, and Posts 31 and 80, at West Chester, Pa.

On Memorial Day the Post again took charge of Laurel Hill Cemeteries. The members assembled at the Head-Quarters, Twelfth and Filbert Streets, at three o'clock, and proceeded in carriages through the Park to the Cemetery, and after decorating the graves in South and Middle Laurel Hill Cemeteries, proceeded to the grave of General Meade, where the services were held. Those having charge of the services were admitted into the lot of the Meade family, while an unusual crowd of spectators were huddled together on the outside of the railing. The opening address was made by Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, who had charge of the ceremonies in the absence of Commander Heslet. He spoke as follows:—

"Another year has passed, and again we assemble to commemorate the graves of our beloved comrades, fallen in the great war, and their last resting place upon this earth with spruce, cheerful flowers. And, my friends, while we are gathered here to do this, remember that in nearly every churchyard throughout this entire country are there assembled thousands of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, with their friends, performing the same ceremony.

I say the entire country, because now the hearts of the people have been so touched that even those who were our late enemies join with us to pay this same tribute to their brave dead; and now may be seen those who were marshalled against each other marching side by side, with the same sorrowful hearts scattering flowers on the graves of the fallen and the great, and through they cannot join the Grand Army of the Republic, they can join with us and perform each year this beautiful and touching ceremony together.

And, my friends, again do I desire to impress upon your minds a very important fact. As each year rolls around our numbers decrease, and those left to perform the service are gradually growing less. I therefore ask and urge upon you, one and all, ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys, to lend whatever assistance you can to those who are willing to protect our country and preserve the graves of those who have fallen with them, rather than to let our country and the graves of our brave fallen comrades be unprotected. To protect our country, the assistance you can give them in this will make them more ready to assist you then;



for the Grand Army of the Republic now will form the grand armies of the Republic then. With these few remarks let me ask your kind attention to the services of the day. — *Indian River*, Mar. 10, 1875.

The orders were read by Adjutant James B. Diehl; Rev. Wm. V. Kelly, of the Spring Garden M. E. Church, officiated as chaplain; and Hon. Jas. Pollock, ex Gov. of Pennsylvania, delivered an eloquent and impressive oration, which was listened to with deep attention. Miss Helen M. Houghton recited very feelingly Peterson's "Ode on Decoration."

After the close of these services the graves in North Laurel Hill were decorated, and the comrades and friends took carriages and returned to the city.

In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the original By-Laws, and the following, adopted at a muster held on September 8, 1875, to wit:—

**Resolved,** That an Honorary Roll of Members be opened, and that all members who have been members of the Post for five (5) years or over, and who shall have paid all dues and assessments levied by the Post to January 1, 1875, shall be placed upon the Honorary Roll upon an application in writing, giving the date of their muster into the Post, and certified by the Post Quartermaster that they are not in arrears.

**Resolved,** That hereafter any member who may remain a member for five years, and pay all dues and assessments during that time, may upon application, as above stated, be placed upon the Honorary Roll.

**Resolved,** That all members placed upon the Honorary Roll shall be relieved from all dues and assessments, and not required to attend meetings.

the following named comrades became Honorary or Life Members of the Post, and are exempt from all dues and assessments:—

CLAYTON McMICHAEL,  
CAMPBELL TUCKER (DECEASED),  
ROSWELL G. FELTUS,  
MYER ASCH (TRANSFERRED),  
ALFRED VEZIN (DECEASED),  
WM. H. HARRISON,

HENRY H. BINGHAM,  
WM. H. LOYD,  
JOSIAH C. REIFF,  
SAMUEL N. LEWIS,  
FREDERICK TIEDEMANN (DECEASED),  
HENRY A. VEZIN,

JULES SCHWARZ,  
CHARLES R. SMITH,  
CHAS. M. PREVOST (DECEASED),  
H. EARNEST GOODMAN, M. D.,  
JOS. R. C. WARD,  
R. W. P. ALLEN

General Orders No. 9 from Department Head-Quarters, dated September 23, 1875, announced among other things the appointment of





the Centennial Committee, to make arrangements for the Grand Army parade and reception during the Centennial year, and included Comrade R. W. P. Allen, of this Post.

In November the Post was called upon to mourn the death of its Commander, Comrade James Heslet, who died on November 22d, of typhoid pneumonia.

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**James Heslet** was born in Columbia County, State of Pennsylvania, enlisted in Co. K, 3d Regt., Pa. Cavalry, on the 14th day of August, 1861; held the office of Second Lieutenant, and was discharged March 11, 1865. He joined Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, May 13th, 1874, on transfer from Post No. 19, which he joined in 1868; held the office of Commander, and died November 22, 1875, aged 56 years. Buried at Presbyterian Cemetery, Mt. Carbon, Schuylkill County, Pa.

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Senior Vice-Commander Mullikin assumed command of the Post, and issued the following:—

PHILADELPHIA, November 23, 1875.

*Comrade:* It becomes my painful duty to announce to the comrades of this Post the decease of our Commander, Comrade JAMES HESLET, who died on Monday evening, the 22nd inst.

The comrades of this Post are requested to attend the funeral services on Thursday evening, the 25th inst., at 7.30 P. M., sharp, at his late residence, No. 2026 Nicholas Street, below Columbia Avenue, between Twentieth and Twenty-first Streets.

The remains will be interred at Port Carbon, Pa., on Friday, leaving the city via the Reading Railroad, at 9.15 A. M. A committee of the Post will accompany the same.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and F. V.

J. R. MULLIKIN, Senior Vice-Commander.

The Post took full charge, and bore all the expense of the funeral. The committee to whom was assigned the arrangements consisted of Comrades R. W. P. Allen, Jos. R. C. Ward and James R. Mullikin; they accompanied the remains to Port Carbon, Pa., and were ably assisted by Commander Levi Huber and a committee of Gowen Post No. 23, of Pottsville, who met them at the depot at Pottsville, accompanied them to Port Carbon, and assisted in the ceremonies there.



JAMES R. MULLIKIN.

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Captain Co. K, 35th Reg't Indiana Vols., September 4, 1861.

Appointed Second Lieutenant Fourth Reg't U. S. Infantry, February 23, 1866.

Promoted First Lieutenant July 18, 1866. Placed on Retired List December 15, 1870.

Wounded, both legs, Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., April 7, 1862; left hand, Perryville, Ky., October 8, 1862;  
head, Lavergne, Tenn., November, 1862.

Mustered into Post No. 1, June 10, 1874, on transfer from Post No. 27,  
Department of Pennsylvania.

Elected Senior Vice-Commander December 16, 1874.

Elected Post Commander December 8, 1875.

Appointed Assistant Quartermaster General, Department of Pennsylvania, January 30, 1872;  
re-appointed January 27, 1873; February 21, 1874, and February 20, 1875.

Granted transfer to Department of New Jersey May 9, 1877.

This year the Post was more fortunate in recruiting, receiving seven new members, but losing one by death, as above mentioned—Commander Heslet. Those mustered during this year were

JONATHAN C. BARNES,  
WM. H. H. WALLACE,

SILAS H. ALLEMAN,  
ELBRIDGE G. MAIZE,  
WILLIAM A. HAGY,

LYNFORD D. C. TYLER,  
ISAAC W. RANCH,

On December 8, 1875, Comrade James R. Mullikin was elected Commander, and the following as the other officers of the Post:—

GEO. W. DEVENNA	Senior Vice-Commander.
R. W. P. ALLEN	Junior Vice-Commander.
W. H. H. WALLACE	Adjutant.
JOS. R. C. WARD	Quartermaster.
H. FAIRBANK GOODMAN, M. D.	Surgeon.
S. H. ALLEMAN	Chaplain.
WILFRED L. GIER	Officer of the Day.
LYNFORD D. C. TYLER	Officer-of-the-Guard.

The success of the Post was now assured, regular semi monthly meetings were held, and the new comrades seemed to have infused new life into the organization, each trying to do his part to help it forward.

From the re organization of the Post on September 30, 1866, until this time, all the work necessary to keep the Post in existence devolved upon Comrade Jos. R. C. Ward, who gave much of his time, means and labor for its preservation. He was compelled to perform not only the duties of the office he held during those years, but also those of the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster: in fact, to do all that was required or necessary to be done by and for the Post. Each year he was sent to represent the Post at the Department Encampment, and twice was elected representative to the National Encampment, viz.: at Cleveland, 1872, and at Philadelphia, 1876: but now he received valu



able assistance from the new members that were slowly being brought into the Post. Especially was this the case with Comrades Geo. W. Devinny and Jas. R. Mullikin, who were ready at all times to respond to the call for duty, and did their duty well. This activity was also the means of awakening increased interest in some of the older members, particularly Comrade R. W. P. Allen. Comrades H. Earnest Goodman, M. D., and Jules Schwarz also began to take more interest, and the Post began to thrive.

General Order No. 3 from Department Head-Quarters, dated March 15, 1876, announced the appointment again of Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward as Assistant Inspector, and assigned him to inspect Posts Nos. 2, 8, 18 and 94, all of Philadelphia; and on May 31st, by General Order No. 12 from National Head-Quarters, he was appointed Assistant Inspector General, and assigned duty at National Head-Quarters.

At the muster of the Post on April 12th, Comrade Ward presented the Post, on behalf of Mr. Geo. W. Childs, with a handsome Bible for use in the muster in-service. At the same meeting, a committee of Comrades Geo. P. Eldridge, R. W. P. Allen, and L. D. C. Tyler, was appointed to devise means to replenish the Post treasury.

This year the services of the Post on Memorial Day were still more extensive. Circulars were as usual prepared and freely circulated, to wit:

PHILADELPHIA, May 25, 1876.

The undersigned committee respectfully solicits from you a donation of flowers to assist them in decorating the graves of their deceased comrades in Laurel Hill Cemeteries, to which they have been assigned.

Donations of bouquets, wreaths, cut flowers, plants in pots, or, where you desire, money, will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

Contributors will, therefore, please attach their names and address.



Donations for special graves should be distinctly marked, and will be sacredly placed.

All contributions should be sent to the residence of the Chairman, No. 1234 Arch Street, before twelve o'clock, to-day, to-morrow.

Respectfully,

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Chairman*,  
R. W. P. ALLEN,  
S. H. ALLEMAN,  
GEO. W. DEVINNY,

WILLIAM F. GIER,  
E. G. MARR,  
L. D. C. TYLER,  
W. H. H. WALLACE.

and again met with a generous response from our citizens in donations of money and flowers. Starting from their Head-Quarters at Twelfth and Filbert Streets in carriages, the Post, under the command of Senior Vice-Commander Devinny, proceeded through the Park, thence by Ridge Avenue to the entrance of North Laurel Hill, where the members of the Post and their male guests alighted, and, preceded by Mueller's Band, marched slowly and solemnly through the cemetery between the masses of people who had thronged there to witness the ceremonies, to the grave of General Meade, where the services were held. In an adjoining lot were assembled, under the leadership of Prof. Jean Louis, a chorus of sixty voices, who took part in the opening ceremonies of the great Centennial Exhibition. These were secured by Comrade R. W. P. Allen, Junior Vice-Commander of the Post. After a dirge by the band, Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, chairman of the committee, opened the services with a short address; Adjutant W. H. H. Wallace read the National and Department orders; a quartet of young ladies, consisting of Miss Maggie Williams, Miss Mary Gibson, Miss Hettie E. Williams and Miss Sallie Walton, then sang the Decoration Hymn,

"Blest be the ground where our brave are at rest."

This was followed by a brief address by Senior Vice-Commander Geo. W. Devinny, who was in command in the absence of Commander Mullikin. The chorus sang that beautiful hymn,

"Reassure the martyred dead."



WILLIAM H. H. WALLACE.

ADJUTANT GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Private Co. C, Fifteenth Reg't Penna. Cavalry, August 22, 1862.

Mustered out as Private Co. M, Fifteenth Reg't Penna. Cavalry, June 21, 1865.

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, October 13, 1875.

Appointed Adjutant January 12, 1876.



Rev. Henry C. Westwood, of the Chambers Presbyterian Church, officiated as chaplain, and Wendell P. Bowman, Esq., delivered the oration. Whittier's Centennial Ode was sung by the chorus. The beautiful ceremony of decorating the grave of General Meade was performed by Comrades R. W. P. Allen, E. G. Maize and S. H. Alleman. The chorus sang

"I heard a voice from heaven saying,"

and the services closed with the benediction by the chaplain. This was the most impressive service the Post had yet held, and was admirably arranged and managed by the following Committee of Arrangements, appointed by the Commander:—

JOS. R. C. WARD, CHAIRMAN.  
L. D. C. TYLER,  
S. H. ALLEMAN,

E. G. MAIZE,  
R. W. P. ALLEN,  
W. H. H. WALLACE,

GEO. W. DEVINNY.  
WILBUR F. GEER.

Among the thousands of spectators were very many strangers who were in the city attending the Centennial Exhibition.

Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, Chairman of the Committee, opened the services with the following address:—

Why have we assembled here to-day in this city of the dead? Is it to see the remains of some loved one placed beneath the sod? No, but to pay tribute to those already here, — our dead comrades, — to decorate their graves with spring's choicest flowers, and to place over their graves the flag of our country, beneath whose stars and stripes they fought, bled and died. I would ask you to consider that this handful of veterans you see here is not all; but over this entire country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Gulf to the Lakes, are there assembled thousands of our comrades and their friends, paying the same tribute to tens of thousands of our deceased comrades, many of them who stood with us the last time we met for this purpose; and again consider, my friends, that we, too, must soon be laid to rest, and to you and your children must be left the work we now perform. Each year our ranks are thinned, and each year we need your assistance more; will you withhold it? I think not. Therefore, as each May brings around the beautiful flowers of spring, gather them together, and give to those who are anxious to do this labor of love; and when your little child asks you, Why do you strew these graves with flowers? and why are these little flags planted there? tell it that beneath lies a brave soldier.



Now what is this Grand Army of the Republic? Is it a religious or political organization? No; it is a band of veterans who steer clear of the rocks of religious and political strife, and invite in their ranks all, provided they have served their country faithfully and been honorably discharged. We are bound together by these three great principles, — Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Fraternity to each other, Charity towards the widows and orphans of our deceased comrades, not as the cold world would administer it, but as a brother to a sister, or a father to a child, and Loyalty to our country and flag.

In conclusion, let me again ask you to render what assistance you can to our organization. Encourage us with your countenance and means, as we need both. With these few remarks let me ask your attention to the services of the day.

Wendell P. Bowman, Esq., in his oration, said :—

Again, my comrades, we meet together by the sacred graves of our fallen comrades to pay solemn tribute to their memories, and place on their consecrated mounds heaven's choicest spring offerings. I am so deeply impressed with the solemnity and grandeur of this day and our glorious surroundings, that my tongue is inadequate to convey the feelings of my whole soul. In the performance of our endearing exercises our hearts are overwhelmed with the precious recollections of the past, and when I glance about me and see so many familiar faces amid this vast assemblage of comrades and patriotic citizens, I thank God that the sacrifices made by our brave comrades in death, and their innumerable deeds of noble daring in their country's cause, that her institutions and principles might forever live, still live in the hearts of each and every one of us; and may the spirit here manifested be a true representation of a like feeling throughout our united and glorious country. In this centennial year of our nation's existence, when strangers from distant climes are in our midst, and our nation is on trial before the judges of this world, it is peculiarly fitting that upon this anniversary of our Decoration Day there should be no uncertain sound in our voice and feelings in paying homage to our dead. Let the utterance go boldly forth that if they had not sacrificed their lives upon their country's altar, to-day we would have no American citizenship to boast of, no home of freedom to rejoice in, no centennial of our Republic and the exposition of our unexampled prosperity in the pathway of nations.

When we cast the eye backward over the pathway of time, and recount the patriotism and courage with which our comrades went forth to do and to die in our country's cause, and recount the sacrifices made, — the homes made sad by their departure to the field of conflict, their privations in camp, hardships on the march, the blood and carnage of battle, terrible agony and suffering upon the retreat, the wounds and death upon the field or in the hospital, — truly can we appreciate the utterance that all we have to be proud of as American citizens we owe to our fellow patriots and comrades. Let us not forget that in sacrificing themselves they also caused untold sacrifices and deep privations in many a patriotic home; their widows and orphans all can stand forth to-day as living reminders of the past, and better enable us to appreciate the great blessings vouchsafed unto us through their devotion to our country's cause and for our happiness, and the terrible cost at which they were purchased.



In thus remembering the past we can better appreciate the present; and let us here to-day, in the presence of these sacred graves, with the clear canopy of heaven over us, by the side of the precious mound of our immortal Meade, resolve in his own eloquent words before he led to victory on the historic field of Gettysburg, to renew our promises "to preserve and perpetuate our country and our cause." Let us here consecrate ourselves anew to the preservation of the glorious memories and associations of our comrades in death; let us renew our pledges to preserve and keep sacred what they vouchsafed unto us,—this glorious and prosperous country, in the full strength of a century, vitalized by the storms and experiences of the past, and strengthened for a glorious future; let us pledge ourselves anew to a union of hearts as well as of States, throughout the length and breadth of our land; let us upon this hallowed soil remember that dying for our country is better than living for self, and that martyrs for liberty never die. Let us

"Kneeling upon this sacred sod,  
Sweet to follow Freedom's trail,  
In the pathway our comrades trod,  
Swear that this fair land shall be  
Forever free,  
Precious, undivided, free."

At the muster of June 14th the following resolution was adopted:—

**Resolved,** That the services rendered by Prof. Jean Louis and chorus in connection with the decoration of the graves in Laurel Hill by the Post on May 30th last, are deserving of special thanks.

**Resolved,** That these resolutions be entered on the minutes, and a copy of them, duly certified, be forwarded to Prof. Jean Louis.

On June 28th the Post adopted a resolution tendering the services of the Post as a mounted escort to the Commander-in-Chief, John F. Hartranft, on the parade of July 3rd, in honor of the Centennial. On that day the whole Grand Army of the Republic paraded, coming from all parts of the country to do honor to the City of Brotherly Love and to the Nation; and it was a very impressive sight to see so many of the veterans who had saved the Nation, marching again behind the same tattered banners they had carried aloft in so many hard fought battles, but this time without the arms, paraphernalia and trappings of war, but with the symbols of peace. Many of these comrades were shattered and maimed, bearing honorable scars, received in defence of those flags.



Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1 paraded mounted, as escort to the Commander-in-Chief, under the command of Commander James R. Mullikin, with twenty-one comrades in line.

The experiences of some of the comrades were very amusing, if not painful, before the day closed. Some of them had not been on a horse since the war, and others were mounted for the first time in their lives. The demand for horses for that day pressed into service and warranted as good saddle-horses many that never, perhaps, had a saddle on before. It was impossible to guide them, and some of the comrades experienced considerable trouble in keeping their places in line and making the necessary turns. Two horses had to be sent back, so that day will long be remembered by many of those who participated.

As General Order No. 6 from Department Head-Quarters, dated July 1st, assigning the different Posts their position in line for the parade, made no mention of Post No. 1, the comrades were more or less indignant at this apparent slight, and at the meeting of July 12th the following protest, prepared by Comrade R. W. P. Allen, was presented and unanimously adopted:—

**Whereas** Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1 has received no orders of any kind in reference to the late parade of the Grand Army of the Republic on July 3rd, and

**Whereas** General Order No. 9 from Department Head-Quarters, dated July 1, 1876, has been received, and no mention is made of this Post, and

**Whereas** No official notification has been issued or received from Department Head-Quarters that this Post was to act as special escort to the Commander-in-Chief; therefore be it

**Resolved**, That a protest to the oversight or carelessness of the Assistant Adjutant-General of this Department be entered on the minutes of this Post, and a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to Head-Quarters.

No reply being received from this communication, a committee consisting of Comrades R. W. P. Allen, Geo. W. Devinnny and Jos. R.





C. Ward, was appointed on September 27th to wait upon the Assistant Adjutant-General, John M. Vanderslice, and ascertain why this Post was so discourteously treated. The committee reported on October 25th that Comrade Vanderslice disclaimed any intention of discourtesy or oversight; that not having received any official notice from the Post of its intention to act as escort, or any notice from the Commander-in-Chief that its services had been accepted, he could not take any notice or make any official announcement of the same, and regretted that the feelings of any of the members of the Post had been hurt. The Committee therefore reported that no blame could be attached to Comrade Vanderslice, and was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

In September the Post was called upon to record the death of another one of its officers, Comrade Wilbur F. Geer, Officer-of-the-Day, who died September 16, of consumption. He was buried in Monument Cemetery. A detail of comrades attended his funeral on September 19.

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**Wilbur F. Geer** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania; enlisted in Co. B, 51st Reg't Pa. Vols., on the 6th day of August, 1862; held the office of Drum Major, and was discharged June 25th, 1865. He was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, June 10, 1874, and died September 16th, 1876, aged 30 years. Buried at Monument Cemetery, Philadelphia.

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This year was a more successful one for the Post in the increase of membership; twelve new members were mustered in during the year, as follows:—

JOHN H. GROVES, M. D., JOHN E. DAVIS, WM. G. McEWEN, E. SHERWOOD WALTON, GEO. P. ELDRIDGE, HENRY A. ROBBINS, M. D., D. D. S., CHAS. F. HEATON, ALFRED J. SELLERS, SAMUEL WORTHINGTON (RE-ELECTED), CALEB V. ATKINSON, LEWIS J. WHEELER, WM. H. F. WARD.



**GEORGE W. DEVINNY.**

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Private, Co. B, 90th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, February 13, 1862

Final muster out as Private, Co. B, 90th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, September 12, 1863

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, December 10, 1873

Elected Junior Vice-Commander, December 16, 1874

Elected Senior Vice-Commander, December 8, 1875

Elected Commander, December 13, 1876

and we lost one by death, as mentioned,—Officer of the Day Wilbur F. Geer.

On December 13, 1876, Comrade Geo. W. Devinny was elected Commander.

On January 10, 1877, the first public installation of officers took place. The Department officers believing that much good would come from throwing open the doors and allowing the families and friends of the comrades to enter the home of the Posts and enjoy with the members a pleasant evening, an order was issued to that effect. Commander elect Geo. W. Devinny determined that Post No. 1 should also reap any benefit that might accrue from such an opportunity to have our friends with us, and made every effort to have the meeting called for the installation of our officers a success, and at the same time give our friends an enjoyable evening.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Comrades Tyler, Devinny and Worthington, to make the necessary arrangements. Many prominent members of other Posts were invited, and when the time came to begin the ceremonies, the room was found to be well filled with members and visitors, many of whom were ladies.

In the absence of Commander Mullikin, Senior Vice-Commander Devinny presided, and the services were opened by an impressive prayer by Chaplain-elect Wm. G. McEwen. The Irma Glee Club sang "On the Field of Glory."

Past Commander Clayton McMichael, who was detailed to install the officers, was unexpectedly called from the city, and Past Commander Wm. R. Peddle, of Post No. 2, was invited to be present to officiate in



his stead. He kindly consented to do so, and duly installed the following officers :—

Commander	Geo. W. Deussen
Senior Vice-Commander	K. W. P. Allen
Junior Vice-Commander	E. D. Coffey
Adjutant	S. W. McPherson
Quartermaster	John C. Wagoner
Surgeon	James H. Gorman, M. D.
Chaplain	Wm. G. McPherson
Officer of the Day	Wm. A. Hays
Officer of the Guard	John E. Deussen
Sergeant-Major	Wm. H. E. Wether
Quartermaster-Sergeant	S. S. Wether

The effect of this service was greatly enhanced by the presence of a detail of the State Fencibles in full uniform.

After a short address by the new Commander, and another song by the Irma Glee, came the main feature of the evening, the presentation of a fine portrait of General Meade to the Post by his son, Colonel George Meade, who came in person to present it. Comrade Wendell P. Bowman was selected to make the presentation speech.

In his remarks he spoke of the

“deep sense of gratitude he felt towards Colonel Meade for presenting this beautiful picture of his distinguished father to this Post. That he was unable to adequately express his feelings, and was glad that he was present to witness the love and affections of our comrades towards General Meade and their appreciation of the grand and imperishable work done by him for his country.” He then pictured vividly and eloquently General Meade upon the field of battle; how gallantly he took command and was first and foremost in the front in times of danger and wherever duty called; how he led at Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and continuing said, “When Lee cut loose from his base of operations and started, we knew not whither, the whole country was aroused, intense anxiety prevailed everywhere. The anxious inquiry was, Where is Lee? where is he going? Fathers, mothers, sisters and loved ones, all were eagerly looking for tidings from the dear ones at the front. Uncertainty prevailed; even the Administration was alarmed; the Union trembled with apprehension, and the immortal Lincoln looked almost in vain for a commander of that noble army that was to protect the Capital of our nation and drive back the invaders from our land; then it was, with wisdom









Spencer Smith, of Post No. 2, recited "Barbara Freitchie." An address was made by Assistant Adjutant General J. M. Vanderslice. The Irma Glee sang "Good Night," and the ceremonies closed with tattoo by the fife and drum corps of Post No. 71.

This evening's entertainment marked a feature in the life of Post No. 1. It was the first given by the Post, gave it an additional impetus to a more useful and successful life, it interested the members, who pledged themselves to attend the meetings and to assist in building up the Post.

The committee appointed on April 12, 1876, to devise means to replenish the Post Treasury, after trying several ways, recommended the opening of a contributing roll, and, in compliance with their wishes, resolutions to that effect were adopted December 27, 1876, and they prepared and issued the following circular during the early part of 1877:—

HEADQUARTERS GEO. G. MEADE POST, NO. 1, DEPT. OF PENNA.,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

At a stated meeting of Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., held December 27th, 1876, it was

**Resolved,** That this Post open a roll for Contributing members, to assist the Post in its charities to deserving soldiers or their families.

**Resolved,** That an annual payment of two dollars shall constitute any person, irrespective of sex, a Contributing member.

The Grand Army of the Republic is composed of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served during the late civil war. It is in no sense a political organization.

The principles of the Order are embodied in these few words:—

"FEATHERNTY, CHERITY AND LOYALTY."

Our object in establishing a contributing membership is entirely charitable. The destitute soldiers, suffering from disease or wounds, the widows and orphans of those who died that the nation might live, require our constant aid, and we believe there are many, of either sex, who would be glad to give in this way for a cause so holy.



THE POST

OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FOR NOVEMBER

You and your friends are earnestly requested to aid in these laudable objects.

A history of the Post will be shortly published, and a copy sent to each contributor.

Subscriptions will be received, and information given, by any of the following committee:—

W. L. G.

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It was freely distributed, but the response was only meager. It was, however, the beginning of a contributing associate roll, to which have since been added, with great benefit to the Post, a large number of distinguished and influential names.

At the muster of April 11th, Adjutant Worthington informed the comrades of the Post that he had understood from reliable authority that "General Ulysses S. Grant had never joined the Grand Army of the Republic, simply because of the complications that might arise were he to do so while occupying the Presidential chair." Those obstacles being now removed, and it being well known that he "entertained kindly feeling towards the Order," he had concluded, upon his own responsibility, to correspond with the General, with a view to his becoming a comrade of this Post. He had an application for membership in Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, with a complete military history of General Grant, ready for his signature, but before sending it he preferred to present it to the Post, that they might take some official cognizance of it.

This was well received, and all the officers and members present



signed the application recommending Comrade Grant for membership, as follows :—

JOSEPH W. DODD, *President*,  
 E. W. F. VAUGHAN, *Secretary*,  
 F. D. C. LITTLE, *Treasurer*,  
 J. R. C. WORTHINGTON, *Adjutant*,  
 SAM'L WORTHINGTON, *Adjutant*,  
 W. A. HAYES, *Chaplain*,  
 F. N. F. DODD, *Chaplain*,  
 C. V. ATKINSON,  
 W. B. SHERMAN,  
 WM. H. F. WATSON, *Chaplain*,  
 SAM'L S. WATSON, *Chaplain*,  
 C. M. BROWN.

and the committee to whom the application was referred, and who subsequently reported favorably on May 9th, were :—

E. R. C. WARD,  
 WM. H. F. WATSON,  
 F. D. C. LITTLE.

Comrade Worthington then forwarded the same with the following letter :—

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND LODGE, MICHIGAN, N. E. GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, April 11, 1877.

COMRADE GRANT:

The comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic would be glad to know that you had been enrolled as one of the Order and think of you as one of themselves during your absence from the country.

The Post which I represent, the oldest in Pennsylvania, and named after your most trusted lieutenant, would feel honored to have you among its members. I therefore take the liberty of handing you the accompanying application for your signature, trusting you may receive it favorably.

Should this proposition meet your views, your initiation could be effected at any time and place you might specify, and with the strictest secrecy.

Yours, for the Cause,  
 SAMUEL WORTHINGTON, *Adjutant*.

At the same time Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward enlisted the services of Past Commander Clayton M'Michael, and urged him to call upon General Grant to get his consent to become a member of this Post.

Washington, D. C.  
Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Sam. L. Worthington, Esq.  
Post Off.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the  
11<sup>th</sup> of Apr. recommending me  
for Membership of the S. A. B.  
reached me some place on my  
recent travels, but I have postponed  
answering until now. I will  
keep the recommendation until  
I visit Phil<sup>a</sup> which will probably  
be about the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. From the  
time of my arrival in your city  
until the sailing of the vessel in  
which my passage is secured the  
17<sup>th</sup> of May — I will be with friends  
there and will be glad to see you,  
or any representation of the organization,  
in person, relative to this matter.

Very truly Yours  
(W. L. Brown)

Comrade McMichael did so, and, after satisfying the General of the membership of the Post and its standing in the Department, succeeded in persuading him to give his consent to join, and shortly afterward Adjutant Worthington received the following reply:—

SAMUEL WORTHINGTON, Esq., *Post-Office Inspector*

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25, 1877

*Friend:*—Your letter of the 11th of April, recommending me to membership of the G. A. R., reached me some place on my recent travels, but I have postponed answering until now. I will accept the recommendation until I reach Philadelphia, which will be about the 8th of May. From the time of my arrival in your city until the sailing of the vessel in which my passage is secured, the 17th of May, I will be with friends there, and will be glad to see you, or any representative of the organization, in person, relative to the matter.

Very truly yours,

U. S. GRANT

[See autograph copy in next page.]

On receipt of this letter, Adjutant Worthington visited Washington and had a satisfactory interview with General Grant, and made an arrangement whereby he was to be mustered into the Post on May 9th. Owing to press of business the General was unable to reach Philadelphia until May 11th, and was then unable to attend to G. A. R. business, but upon consultation with Adjutant Worthington and Commander Devanny and Past Commander McMichael he consented to be privately mustered into the Post, and the necessary arrangements were at once completed. On May 16th the following dispensation was granted by the Department Commander:—

GEORGE W. DEVANNY, *Commander*, *Company M*, *Post No. 1*, *Penn.*

*Dispensation Granted*, *Devanny's Regiment*

*Comrade:*—In compliance with the rules and regulations, and the high power in me vested as Department Commander of Pennsylvania, I do hereby grant you a special dispensation to muster into Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Dept. of Penna., General Ulysses S. Grant, late President of the United States, upon the eve of his departure for Europe. This shall be your warrant for so doing.

SAMUEL DEVEN GREEN,

*Secretary*, *Devanny's Regiment*, *Post No. 1*, *Penn.*





A delegation of George G. Meade Post, No. 1, under command of Commander George W. Devinny and Senior Vice-Commander R. W. P. Allen, proceeded to the office of Mr. George W. Childs, and, after the necessary arrangements were completed, mustered General Grant into the Grand Army in due form. Comrade Grant was then escorted over to Independence Hall, where an informal reception was held, and hundreds of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, who had learned of the intention to muster Comrade Grant, and had assembled there expecting the muster to take place in Independence Hall, now pressed forward and shook hands with their "Old Commander," now a recruit in the Grand Army of the Republic. Quartermaster Ward not having any Grand Army badges on hand, one was borrowed from Comrade W. H. H. Wallace and fastened to the lapel of Comrade Grant's coat. It was this badge that he took away with him on his journey around the world. The following address was then issued to the G. A. R. by Commander Devinny:—

HEAD-QUARTERS GEORGE G. MEADE POST, NO. 1, DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

PUBLISHED OFFICE, MAY 19, 1877.

### **General Order, No. 6 Congratulatory.**

I. The Commander takes pleasure in announcing that Ulysses S. Grant, our late Commanding-in-Chief, was mustered in as a comrade of Post 1, G. A. R., this morning at 11 o'clock.

II. In accordance with G. O. No. 5, C. S., from these head quarters, the Post, at the hour named, proceeded to the private office of George W. Childs, Esq., and there, in pursuance to a special dispensation granted by S. Irvin Givin, Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., proceeded to muster in the recruit according to rules and regulations of Grand Army of the Republic.

III. Comrades of the Grand Army, George G. Meade Post, No. 1, congratulates you. The Commander deems it not out of place to allude to this accession to our membership, and the added prestige inevitable to Post No. 1. He feels, however, that the Order in general has cause to rejoice that, one by one, our old comrades in arms are coming to a just appreciation of the meaning in our motto—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty—that have drawn hundreds to us. Now that we count the greatest general of our age as our comrade, let us



anew pledge ourselves to the work of gathering into the Grand Army of the Republic every worthy soldier and sailor who aided in the suppression of our late civil war.

SAMUEL WORTHINGTON, *Adjutant-Genl.*

By order of

GEORGE W. DEWESEY, *Chief of Cavalry*

The new comrade sailed for Europe on May 17th, on his tour around the world.

During his stay in England, and while dining with Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, the National Encampment was in session at Providence, R. I., and the following was cabled to General Grant:—

General U. S. GRANT, *Adjutant*

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 25, 1877

Your comrades assembled in annual session in Providence, R. I., send heartiest greetings to their old commander, and desire, through England's Queen, to thank England for their reception.

JOHN F. HARTWELL, *Commander-in-Chief*

The following reply was received:—

General HARTWELL, *Chief of Cavalry*, U. S. A.

London, June 27, 1877

Conveyed your message to the Queen, thank my old comrade

GRANT

Past Commander James R. Mullikin, having applied for a transfer card, a committee consisting of Comrades R. W. P. Allen, Samuel Worthington and L. D. C. Tyler, was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions expressive of the regrets of the members upon the severing of his connection with the Post and in recognition of his service in its behalf. At the muster of May 23d the committee submitted the following, which were unanimously adopted:—

**Whereas**, Past Commander James R. Mullikin has applied for a transfer card upon the grounds of permanent removal from within the jurisdiction of this Post, and

**Whereas**, The transfer card asked for has been granted, therefore

**Resolved**, That in parting with Past Commander James R. Mullikin, George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, deems it fitting to place upon record a testimonial to his worth as a man and a comrade, a whole-souled active worker for the good of the Order.

**Resolved**, That our good wishes follow him to his new field of labor; that we commend him to



any Post to which he may wish to belong, and to make every effort to promote Fraternity, Charity and Economy.

**Resolved,** That the property of the Post be kept in good order and that every member of the same properly attend to the same and be prepared to contribute to the same.

At the same muster the foundation for the Post Library was laid by Past Commander Ward presenting to the Post in behalf of Past Commander Myer Asch three volumes of reports of the Centennial Exposition held in this city in 1876. This was the beginning, and for some time thereafter at nearly every muster books of some kind were presented, until now the Post has a large and valuable library.

This year the Post took another step in the advance and for the first time paraded on Memorial Day, May 30th. They assembled at their head quarters, corner of Twelfth and Filbert streets, at 1 o'clock. The State Fencibles, commanded by Captain John W. Ryan, acted as escort, led by Carl Sentz Band, who paraded for the first time in their new and handsome scarlet uniforms. The line of march was up Twelfth to Arch, to Eighteenth, to Green, to Fairmount Park, thence by boat to Laurel Hill. In the circular sent out this year it was stated that the Post would take up donations of flowers as they passed over the route, and large quantities of handsome flowers were kindly donated by those residing along the streets above mentioned.

On arriving at the Park a halt was made at the Lincoln Monument, which had been previously decorated by the committee. After a dirge by the band, Comrade George P. Eldridge delivered an address. The Post then marched to the boat landing and took the steamboat to Laurel Hill Landing. Here the line was reformed and marched to and through middle and north Laurel Hill Cemeteries to the grave of General Meade, where the following services were held :—



After a dirge by the band Comrade Hagy, chairman of the committee, made a short address. A quartette of young ladies, Misses Mary Gibson, Mamie Potter, Hettie E. Williams and Mamie Jones, sang the decoration hymn "I am a Soldier's Daughter."

The orders were read by Post Adjutant Samuel Worthington; then the address of Commander George W. Devlinny, followed by a very impressive prayer by the Rev. James R. Danforth, pastor of the Central Congregational Church, who officiated as chaplain; and after singing

"I am a Soldier's Daughter," by the quartette of young ladies, the grave of General Meade was profusely decorated and the Grand Army service performed by Comrades R.W. P. Allen, A. J. Sellers, Joseph R. C. Ward and Chaplain Rev. James R. Danforth, a dirge by the band followed, and then Miss Helen M. Houghton recited Peterson's "Ode on Decoration" in her usual impressive and matchless manner.

Then followed an eloquent oration by Comrade Wendell P. Bowman, and the services closed by the whole Post and the large audience joining in singing the Doxology. The benediction was pronounced by the Chaplain, Dr. Danforth.

The Post was then reformed and detailed into committees, and in the charge of the superintendent of each cemetery proceeded to decorate all the remaining soldiers' graves in North Laurel Hill, then to Middle and South Laurel Hill and decorate all known soldiers' graves there.

During the railroad riots of 1877 the innate desire of the old soldiers to uphold the supremacy of the law made itself deeply manifested by the comrades of the different Posts, and Post No. 1 was among the





first to offer its services, and when the trouble was expected to reach Philadelphia, Adjutant Worthington at once sent the following dispatch to the Mayor :—

WM. S. STURLEY, *Messenger*.

PHILADELPHIA, JULY 23 A. M., Monday, July 23.

Officers and Comrades of George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, not already gone to the front, are at your service.

SAMUEL WORTHINGTON, *Adjutant*.

And at the muster of July 25th the following resolution was adopted :—

**Resolved,** That Comrades Joseph R. C. Ward and Wendell P. Bowman be authorized to recruit a company of veteran soldiers by the name of George G. Meade Post, No. 1, G. A. R. of Pa., and that their services be offered to the 21st Regiment (G. A. R.), N. G. of Pa.

A company of sixty men was organized, with Col. Joseph R. C. Ward as captain, Wendell P. Bowman as first lieutenant, and Geo. W. Devinny, second lieutenant, and tendered their service to the State. Captain Ward and Lieutenant Bowman reported this company to the meeting held at Post No. 2 rooms, Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, when word was received from Governor Hartranft that their services would not be required. Captains Ward and Bowman subsequently raised a company for the Twentieth Veteran Regiment, under Col. Sylvester Bonnafon, Jr., known as Company C, 20th Veteran Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, with Joseph R. C. Ward as captain, Wendell P. Bowman first lieutenant, and Harry Miller second lieutenant. Lieutenant Bowman was afterwards elected captain of company K. This whole regiment was retained in active service for two months at Pittsburg, Wilkesbarre and Scranton, Captains Ward and Bowman remaining in command of their respective companies.

Commander Devinny and Adjutant Worthington conceived the idea of celebrating the eleventh anniversary of the Post by having a large Camp Fire at the Main Exhibition Building, Fairmount Park.



Arrangements were made with the managers for the use of that large building on Thursday, October 18th. Tickets and circulars were printed and freely circulated: prominent general officers were invited, when, yielding to the frequent and urgent requests of the Department Headquarters, the whole affair was turned over to them, immediate steps were taken by them to enlarge the entertainment, all the Posts in the city and adjacent counties were invited to participate, additional invitations were sent to many other prominent soldiers and the National Commander and staff, and every means taken to make it a large gathering of old soldiers, and the day was designated "GRAND ARMY DAY."

Thus to Post No. 1 belongs the credit of inaugurating "Grand Army Day," that has since that time been celebrated all over the land, bringing together large numbers of veterans, who, marching again shoulder to shoulder, revived old memories of those days that tried men's souls.

The Posts generously responded to the call of the Department Commander and made extensive arrangements for the enjoyment of the occasion. The following is a copy of the circular that was freely distributed:—

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

**"GRAND ARMY DAY,"**

ON THURSDAY, OCT. 18, 1877.

PROGRAMME OF EXERCISES.

11:30 A. M.—Drill by the Cadets of the Soldiers' Orphans' Institute.

1:30 P. M.—Formation of the several Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Marching to the Grand Stand in the large Auditorium.

Marching to the Grand Stand in the large Auditorium.

Gen'l Robinson, and invited guests, at the Grand Stand in the large Auditorium.



**3.00 P. M.**—Address of Welcome to the "Grand Army," By G. Haydn D. Moore,  
President of the Association of the United American Veterans, and  
Honorary General of the Grand Army of the Republic, Haydn D. Moore,  
Commander of the National Post Office, Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

**8.00 P. M.**—Commemorative Exercises of Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, G. A. R.,  
in the great Auditorium. Presentation of a Banner, and Address by General  
George B. McClellan, and others.

Grand Music during the entire day by Hassler's Great Exhibition Band.

THE GREAT REUNION ORGAN

Mr. CHAS. F. REAM, Organist.

Mr. Wm. N. FORTY, Conductor.

#2. R. O. G. I. S. S. I. S. T. I. N. G. C. O. M. M. E. M. O. R. I. A. L. S. O. F. T. H. E. G. R. A. N. D. A. R. M. Y. O. F. T. H. E. U. N. I. T. E. D. S. T. A. T. E. S.  
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Commander Devinny issued the following order:—

HONORABLES GEORGE G. MEADE POST, No. 1, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

PHILADELPHIA, October 19, 1877

### General Orders No. 2.

I. As announced by General Order No. 13, Thursday, October 18th, being the Eleventh Anniversary of the Order and of this Post, has been set apart as Grand Army Day at the Permanent Exhibition.

Every effort has been made to make the event a grand success.

The President and many prominent officers have been invited and are expected to be present.

At 8 o'clock P. M. the Anniversary Exercises of the Post will commence, when Gen. G. B. McClellan will present, on behalf of our lady friends, a beautiful banner, to be received by Comrade H. H. Bingham, of this Post. The Commander expects that every comrade of the Post will report for parade, and thus contribute to make our Eleventh Anniversary a day ever to be remembered. Comrades will assemble at the western end of middle aisle, Main Building, at 1.15 o'clock, and will conform as near as possible to G. A. R. uniform, otherwise will appear in dark suits, fatigue cap, white gloves and vest, black necktie and G. A. R. badge.

II. An adjourned meeting of the Post will be held on Wednesday evening, October 17th, at 8 o'clock, at Handel and Haydn Hall, northeast corner Eighth and Spring Garden Streets, third story. It is imperative that every comrade should be present.

By order of

GEORGE W. DEVINNY, *Post Commander.*

SAM'L WORTHINGTON, *Printer.*

Thursday, October 18th, opened a bright and beautiful day, and towards noon crowds of Grand Army men could be seen wending their way towards the Park and the Main Exhibition Building; that immense building was soon crowded by the comrades, their families and friends,



reminding one of the days of the Centennial Exhibition of the year before, only that nearly all the handsome displays were gone. When the time came to form the line and march through that large building, to be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, General John C. Robinson, of New York, who was present with his staff, everybody wondered where so many "old vets" came from, and their numbers still increased towards night.

Different parts of the building were selected by the Posts as their headquarters, where they, with their families, prepared dinner and supper for their comrades, and all day and evening delegations of different Posts spent the time visiting around and receiving a soldier's welcome, the members of each Post deciding among themselves what form that welcome should take, so that all comrades were pleased.

As announced, the principal event of the day was the commemorative exercises of Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, at 8 o'clock in the evening, and long before that time the large auditorium in the centre of the building was packed. After music by the band, and a soprano solo by Miss Tillie D. Summers, our old Commander "Little Mac" was introduced by Comrade Thos. J. Ashton. He needed no introduction to the comrades, they had seen him before; and many a time on the long weary march, no matter how tired, if hardly able to get along from the fatigues of the march, plodding through Virginia's clay or mud, covered with dust, or suffering from the intense heat, let but the word pass along the line, "Here comes Little Mac!" and every man would straighten up, take his place in line and greet him with cheers as long as he remained in sight, and so to-night the boys seemed wild with enthusiasm; cheer after cheer, that made the building fairly shake, were given before he





was allowed to make his speech. Then, in a short address, in which he referred to those anxious days when he led the greatest army ever enrolled, to victory, and paid a high tribute to American soldiers, their bravery and heroism, not forgetting to compliment the ladies in their unselfish devotion to the brave boys in blue during those days of war, and their generosity now in still bearing those same boys in mind and presenting them with so handsome a banner, on which was painted an excellent likeness of Pennsylvania's great soldier, he presented the Post, on behalf of their lady friends, with a handsome white silk banner, on which was painted an excellent picture of General Meade.

General Henry H. Bingham, Past Commander of the Post, received the banner on behalf of the Post in one of his excellent patriotic speeches, given in his earnest and impressive manner, that added still more to the enthusiasm of the occasion.

After the services General McClellan held an impromptu reception, and for over an hour a constant line of comrades passed by to shake him by the hand.

It was this action of Post, No. 1, that did much to kill the cry that the Grand Army of the Republic was a political organization, for it invited General McClellan, who was then the Democratic candidate for Governor of New Jersey, to present the banner, and General Henry H. Bingham, then a Republican candidate for Congress, to receive it; and this, together with the grand entertainment, greatly benefited the Post, and was another step towards its ultimate success.

On October 24th Comrade James B. Diehl was appointed Acting Adjutant during the absence of Adjutant Worthington, who subsequently resigned on November 14th, and Comrade Diehl was appointed his successor.



At the muster of October 24th a committee was appointed to draft resolutions of thanks to Generals Geo. B. McClellan and Henry H. Bingham, and Miss Tillie Summers and others, who contributed to the success of our Anniversary at the Main Exhibition Building. They submitted their report at the muster of November 28th, as follows:—

**Resolved.** The Post thanks the ladies of Philadelphia for their generous presentation of the Meade Banner on Anniversary Day, October 18th, the beautiful Meade Banner.

The Post thanks General Geo. B. McClellan for the graceful compliment he paid the ladies of Philadelphia by presenting the Banner on their behalf to the Post, and for his courtesy and kindness to his old comrades in arms on Anniversary Day.

The Post thanks Comrade Henry H. Bingham for his eloquent oration, made in receiving the Meade Banner for the Post.

The Post thanks Miss Tillie D. Summers for services rendered on Anniversary Day by that charming songstress.

The Post thanks Reynolds Post, No. 71, for their presence and kindness on Anniversary Day.

The Post thanks Comrade C. V. Atkinson for the generous gift of his high artistic skill in the production of the life-like likeness of General Geo. G. Meade on the Meade Banner.

The Post thanks Comrade A. J. Sellers for his liberality and untiring energy in obtaining money for the presentation of the Meade Banner.

This proved a most successful year for the Post. Thirty-one new comrades were added to the roll, among them General Ulysses S. Grant, who was mustered in on May 10, 1877. This was accomplished, as has been stated, namely, through the personal and untiring efforts of Adjutant Samuel Worthington.

The following are the names of the comrades mustered in during the year:—

SAMUEL S. WISMER, WM. J. SIMPSON, WM. B. SPOONER, ROBERT H. FORD, COLIN M. BEALE, ULYSSES S. GRANT, EDWIN STEVENS, WILLIAM LEMBRECHT, GEORGE H. WALTERS, JOSEPH STROBEL, FRANCIS M. JAMES, S. P. HUTCHINSON, EDWARD DE C. LIND, HARRY C. PUTTER, WILLIAM W. SWEENEY, STEAN W. PETTIT, WILLIAM B. BURK, F. W. GRUGAN, THOMAS J. ASHTON, JOSEPH G. ROSENGARTEN (re-elected), WILLIAM BELL, CHARLES C. KNIGHT, THEODORE LEIDIG, HARRY W. HEWES, JACOB STEIN, JOHN D. KISE, WILLIAM McCANDLESS, GEORGE Q. WHITE, WILLIAM W. TUCKER, DARR P. TREMAINE AND HARRY W. GIMBER.



It was this large increase of membership that gave us the impetus that rushed us on to our successful existence of to-day.

General Orders No. 14, from Department Headquarters, dated December 17, 1877, announced the appointment of Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, of this Post, as Assistant Mustering Officer, and detailed him to install the officers-elect of Posts Nos. 2, 5, 24 and 71.

At the muster of January 9th, the following officers, elected to serve the Post for the year 1878, were duly installed by Comrade Wm. R. Peddle, Past Commander of Post No. 2:—

Commander	R. W. P. ALLEN
Senior Vice-Commander	E. D. C. TYLER
Junior Vice-Commander	ARTHUR I. SELLERS
Adjutant	AGOSTIN MARCH
Quartermaster	WM. W. SWETSHED
Surgeon	JOHN H. GROVES, M. D.
Chaplain	WM. G. McFARLANE
Officer of the Day	GLEN M. BEALL
Officer of the Guard	JAMES B. DILLON
Sergeant-Major	FRANCIS M. JAMES
Quartermaster-Sergeant	WM. B. BURK

and they at once entered upon their respective duties.

The regular musters of the Post were now held semi-monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, at the southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert streets.

On Tuesday evening, February 26th, a delegation of the Post accompanied Commander Allen on a visit to Post No. 5, to participate in the ceremonies of the dedication of their new headquarters at No. 1528 South street. Postal cards were sent to all the comrades, inviting them to assemble at the "La Pierre House," Broad street below Chestnut, at 7.30 P. M., from which place they proceeded in a body to Post No. 5



**RALPH W. P. ALLEN.**

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Captain Co. C, 106th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, August 13, 1861.

Final muster out as Lieutenant-Colonel, 40th Reg't Penna. Militia, August 16, 1863.

Mustered into Post No. 1, January 11, 1867.

Elected Junior Vice-Commander December 8, 1875.

Elected Senior Vice-Commander December 13, 1876.

Elected Commander December 17, 1877.

head quarters, which were found to be crowded with their members and representatives from nearly all the Philadelphia Posts. A number of interesting addresses were made by the visiting comrades from each Post, Past Commander Allen and Past Commander Ward speaking for Post One.

At the muster of March 13th, the Post received a fraternal visit from Ellis Post, No. 6, of Germantown, and, as soon as business could be rushed through, a Camp Fire was opened with Comrade Robert Johnstone, of Post No. 6, in the chair, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

On March 16th, the Memorial Committee, of which Comrade A. J. Sellers was chairman, issued a circular appealing in the strongest terms to the comrades to make every effort to uniform themselves and to be present in line on Memorial Day, closing with the following:—

What we lack numerically let us make amends for by presenting a uniform and soldierly appearance, and if ever an opportunity was presented to show our zeal and interest for the Order, for our Post, and our departed comrades, that time is the present.

On May 17th Commander Allen issued a circular, of which the following is an extract:—

The Post will assemble at 5 o'clock P. M., at Headquarters, Twelfth and Filbert streets, on Tuesday, May 21st, to proceed in a body, accompanied by Drum Corps, to Bristol, Pennsylvania, as escort to the Post Commander on his tour of inspection, as per resolution adopted by the Post. Leaving second pier south of Chestnut street, per Steam Yacht "Sidney." You are earnestly requested to participate. Uniformed if convenient.

In accordance with the above, about twenty comrades of the Post responded, and, with drum corps, marched to Chestnut street wharf and boarded the steam yacht "Sidney," and shortly before dark started and steamed up the Delaware River to Bristol. Commander R. W. P. Allen

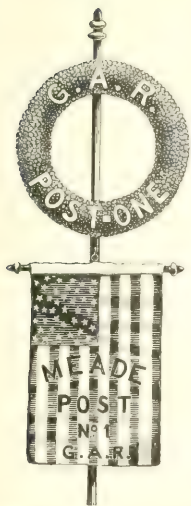




having been appointed Assistant Inspector and detailed to inspect Post No. 73 of that place. On arriving at Bristol we found elaborate arrangements were made for our reception. Beatty Post, No. 73, turned out in full force, also the Fire Department and other civic bodies, with bands of music and colored lights. After a short parade we were escorted to the Hall of Post No. 73, where a still more cordial reception awaited us. After the usual routine of business was transacted and the inspection completed, addresses were made by comrades of both Posts; we were then sumptuously entertained at a well-spread banquet, which detained us until towards midnight, when we were escorted to the wharf, where we boarded our yacht and steamed for home, it being in the wee small hours when we reached Philadelphia and separated, having enjoyed one of the most pleasant trips and one of the most agreeable social evenings that ever fell to the lot of this Post.

Still more extensive arrangements were made for Memorial Day this year by the active Committee to whom were assigned the arrangements for the day. The committee consisted of A. J. Sellers, chairman; Robert H. Ford, L. D. C. Tyler, Harry W. Gimber, Wm. J. Simpson, Thos. J. Rorer, Colin M. Beale, Geo. W. Devinny, Wm. B. Burk and Wm. B. Spooner. They labored hard and the result of their labor was a credit to the Post and to themselves. Part of their arrangements was to have made in Paris, France, and imported expressly for the Post, for this day's services, handsome immortal wreaths, upon which were worked in colors the number of the Post and the letters G. A. R. These were very much admired, and proved a more lasting decoration for the graves than the usual bouquets of fresh flowers. These wreaths were arranged on staffs, and under them were suspended the small





flags used on each Memorial Day, as is illustrated; one being placed on each soldier's grave in the three Laurel Hill Cemeteries.

On May 23d Commander Allen, in General Order No. 1, announced that a special muster of the Post would be held on May 29th to muster additional applicants who would desire to participate with the Post on Memorial Day; at the same time directing the comrades to assemble at headquarters on May 30th, at 1.15 P. M., for parade, and giving further instructions for said parade, including the route. In compliance with said order, the comrades assembled as directed, and, under the command of Senior Vice-Commander Tyler, escorted by the Girard College Cadets with their full band and drum corps, and a detachment of

Soldiers' Orphans from the Northern Home, 23d and Brown streets, left headquarters about 1.45 P. M., and marched over the route as published, being reviewed by the Mayor of Philadelphia, Wm. S. Stokely, at Fifth and Chestnut streets. Of the scenes of the day we will let others speak, and give in full the report published in "*The Press*" of May 31, 1878:—

George G. Meade Post, No. 1, of the Grand Army, of ample honor to the name it bears. Prominent for patriotism, its members, one and all, have been actuated by a friendly rivalry, or weeks past, each striving to surpass the other in exertions to render perfect the arrangements for Decoration Day. The commodious headquarters of the Post, at the southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert streets, were thronged at 12 o'clock, and white fingers deftly fashioned bouquets from the wealth of rare and beautiful flowers provided. At 1 o'clock everything was in readiness, and fifteen minutes later, after the reading of a Post order by Commander



R. W. P. Allen, playing L. D. C. Tyler in command for the day, the order, "Forward, March!" was given, and the line advanced in the following order: Squad of Reserves, commander, A. Bout Court, Girard College Cadets, under Capt. Anderson, followed, headed by their full band and drum corps, and then marched the members of the Post, forty-six in number. The rear of the procession was covered by a party of thirty-two boys from the Soldiers' Orphans' Institute. The line of march was up Filbert to Broad, to Chestnut. Going down Chestnut street the command met with a continuous ovation. The steady and soldierly bearing of the Cadets, the elegant display of banners carried by the Post, and the feature of the soldiers' orphans, bearing aloft the wreaths of immortelles which the Post imported from France—all this, added to the splendid music rendered by the George G. Meade Fife and Drum Corps, and the band of the Girard College Cadets, created deserved applause at every point in the line of march. The Post had, at an early hour in the morning, decorated the Washington Statue at Independence Hall, and when this point was reached a brief halt was made. The march was again taken up and the line passed in review before His Honor Mayor Stokley and other prominent gentlemen, who were at the corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets. The command moving up Fifth to Arch and thence to Eighth, to Willow, where they took the cars for Fairmount, where the line was reformed and marched to Lincoln Monument.

This was decorated with excellent taste. Festoons of bunting surrounded the summit of the base, in front of which was a large wreath of immortelles bearing the inscription, "Meade Post, No. 1, G. A. R." and on the centre appeared a band bearing in purple letters the initials "A. I." At this point Comrade Gimber stepped from the rank and spoke as follows:—

*"Comrades:* On this sacred spot, removed from the busy scenes of every-day life, it is fitting that we pause a moment to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the great President, to do honor to whom this monument was erected." \* \* \* The speaker briefly eulogized the martyred President and his great work, and referred to his speech at Gettysburg, wherein he said that the words uttered over the heroes who had fallen there might be forgotten, but the memory of the heroes themselves, and of the victory they won, would never die.

At the conclusion of the address the command marched to the landing and took the steamboat for Laurel Hill. The rain, which had been threatening for some time, now began to fall heavily, and when the cemetery was reached it became evident that anything like a regular service in the open air was out of the question. The procession was formed, however, and the effect was greatly enhanced by the presence of the choiristers of the St. Mark's P. E. Church, Sixteenth and Locust streets, who, under the leadership of Professor Mills, chanted with sweet solemnity during the march to the spot at which the ceremonies were to have taken place. A stand had been erected for General McCandless, the orator of the day, but it remained unused, and in an informal manner the members of the Post proceeded to decorate the graves. The decoration was performed under the direction of a committee of the Post, consisting of A. J. Sellers, chairman; Robert H. Ford, L. D. C. Tyler, H. W. Gimber, William J. Simpson, Thomas J. Rorer, Colin M. Beale, George W. Devinity, William B. Burk, and William B. Spooner. While the comrades were performing their duties



in the drenching and pitiless rain, it was suggested that General McCandless deliver his oration in the chapel. This edifice was speedily filled to overflowing, and Comrade Sellers introduced the orator of the day, General William McCandless, Secretary of Internal Affairs. In so doing he paid an eloquent tribute to the Pennsylvania Reserves and to the lamented Meade, both of which were greeted with applause.

General McCandless said: "Comrades, the Almighty Father has thought proper to drive clouds in showers of tears over this spot where we have assembled to-day to pay tribute to the memories of our fallen heroes. They will make the sod greener over those who battled with us for our country. This beautiful custom of decorating the graves with flowers is the symbolization of a thought that has made nations great from the days of Greece to the present time. The memory of the heroes of Thermopylae and Marathon was thus preserved." In glowing and eloquent words the speaker then eulogized the citizen soldiery of the Republic. "When," he said, "they had given up their lives for their country, a grateful people had commemorated their deeds of heroism in lasting monuments; but when Greece became torn with internecine warfare; when Spartans, Thetans, and Athenians, struggled with each other; it was decreed that naught but wooden monuments should be erected in memory of the dead, in order that the asperities engendered by the strife should not be transmitted to succeeding generations." Speaking of the undying glory which Pennsylvania troops had won in the war of the rebellion, the eloquent speaker paid a glowing tribute to General John F. Reynolds, and then proceeded in fervent words to describe the grand victory won by Meade. "When," he said, "the last tidal wave of the rebellion flowed to the Round Top at Gettysburg, General George G. Meade was the rock that shattered it to fragments. [Applause.] It was a grand sight to see the old general, sitting calm and impassioned, slouch hat on head, as the serried ranks of the rebellion were hurled back in disorder by the Union's brave defenders." In conclusion the speaker urged the continuance of those sentiments of loyalty which were necessary to perpetuate Union, and hoped that the day would come when Pennsylvania and South Carolina would alike pay tribute to their fallen soldiers, only to increase the love of the living for the Union as it was.

The Post then went to the grave of General Meade, where the ceremonies in accordance with the Grand Army ritual were performed, and, at the conclusion, the green turf over the remains of the dead soldier were fairly hidden from sight amid the mass of splendid floral tributes which surrounded it. Colonel Meade (son of General George G. Meade) was present during the entire ceremonies. The entire command took the boat and arrived back in the city shortly after 7 o'clock.

On Wednesday, June 10th, the Post participated in the ceremonies of the Centennial Anniversary of the Battle of Valley Forge. In compliance with a circular issued by Commander Allen, the comrades assembled at the headquarters of the 2d Brigade, N. G. Pa., No. 4 Merrick street, at 12.30 P. M., and marched to the Philadelphia and Reading





Railroad depot, Broad and Callowhill streets, where they took a special train for Valley Forge, but had to get off at Port Kennedy, where the line was re-formed, and then marched to Valley Forge, a distance of about three miles. The comrades, in groups, visited and were entertained at the headquarters of the different commands of the National Guards of Pennsylvania, there encamped, and attended the services of the day, thereby enjoying a very pleasant visit to that historic spot. Towards dark the line was re-formed and marched back to Port Kennedy, where each one shifted for himself, taking any train he could for home. As usual on such occasions, considerable delay was experienced in reaching Philadelphia. Forty-three comrades were present under the command of Commander Allen.

During the summer alterations were made in the building occupied by the Post as headquarters, at the southwest corner of Twelfth and Filbert streets, therefore no meetings could be held there, so that at the muster of July 24th a resolution was adopted dispensing with the regular musters until the second Wednesday of September; but when the Commander went to ascertain if the new room would be ready by that time, he was informed that the Post could not meet there any more; so we were homeless. Therefore, on September 6th, Commander Allen issued a circular calling the muster of September 11th at the A. P. A. Hall, No. 1415 Locust street, to take action on the question of permanently locating there. On that night there was such a diversity of opinion that the matter was postponed, and the Post adjourned until Monday evening, September 16th, when, after another exciting meeting, the matter was again postponed, but it was decided to meet weekly, on Monday evenings, at 1415 Locust street, until further orders. At



the next muster, on September 23d, a resolution finally prevailed by a majority of one vote, after a long and exciting debate, to meet at the Hall of Fred Taylor Post, No. 19, No. 711 Spring Garden street. Accordingly, on September 30th, the Post met at 711 Spring Garden street, when the question was again debated and a resolution was adopted, "that hereafter the musters of the Post would be held at 1415 Locust street, beginning with that of October 7th," and notices were sent out notifying the comrades of the change. At that muster a communication was presented, signed by eight comrades, protesting against the action of the Post at its previous muster and asking for their Transfer Cards. The communication was received and a committee appointed to confer with those signing the same. This finally resulted in the application for cards being withdrawn.

At the muster of October 14th the subject of meeting-room was again opened and discussed, and a motion prevailed to meet at 711 Spring Garden street, and the next muster was held there on October 21st. At the following muster, October 28th, another animated discussion took place as to the future location of the Post. Several places were mentioned and urged for permanent headquarters. Finally Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward made a motion "That the Council of Administration be directed to secure the rooms at No. 926 Chestnut street, or any other rooms they may decide upon, and prepare them for the permanent headquarters of the Post, if they deem it advisable to do so." This was adopted by a majority of one vote, 8 to 7. The next day Comrade Ward found that the third floor of the building southeast corner of Eleventh and Chestnut streets could be obtained. He immediately notified Commander Allen and Comrade Loud, chairman of the



**WILLIAM W. SWEISFORT.**

QUARTERMASTER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Private Co. I, Sixth Reg't Penna. Cavalry, October 10, 1861.

Final muster out as Private Co. I, Sixth Reg't Penna. Cavalry, October 13, 1864.

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, September 12, 1877.

Elected Post Quartermaster December 17, 1877; re-elected December 2, 1878.

Council on Administration. They examined the rooms and decided to secure them, paid a month's rent in advance and obtained the lease. At the muster of November 4th the Council reported as follows:—

The Council of Administration would respectfully report that, in obedience to instructions from the Post, they have secured a room at the southeast corner of Eleventh and Chestnut streets, third story, at a rental of three hundred dollars per annum.

This was a great surprise, and fell like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, as steps had been taken by those in favor of remaining permanently at 711 Spring Garden street to undo the action of the Post at the previous muster, but the presentation of the lease, duly executed, and a receipt for the rent paid, precluded any such action, and the action of the Council of Administration was approved, thus settling a disputed question that came very near dividing the Post in two, each side becoming more and more severe in its denunciation of the actions of the other. The longer the discussion was kept up the more bitter it became; those desiring the Post to be located at 711 Spring Garden street claiming that the success and prosperity of the Post certainly depended upon the musters being held there, and that it would prove fatal to the Post to locate down town; while those on the other side were equally positive that the Post could only survive and prosper by being centrally located, and that it would certainly go to pieces if taken up town. Commander Allen concurred in this latter view and entered heartily into the effort to have it carried out. The action of the Council of Administration finally settled the matter.

Immediate steps were taken to make the necessary alterations and to furnish and fit up the new quarters for the accommodation and needs of the Post. A committee was appointed, of which Past Commander



Jos. R. C. Ward was chairman, to raise funds for that purpose, and they succeeded in receiving subscriptions amounting to nearly \$400, which, with the donation of materials and labor of many comrades, soon put the room in excellent condition.

On Thursday, October 17th, the Post attended the funeral of Comrade Jacob Stein, who died on October 14th. A large number of the comrades were in attendance and escorted the remains from his late residence, No. 508 Vine street, to Glenwood Cemetery. The Washington Grays' Band furnished the music. A detail from the 2d Regiment, N. G. of Pa., acted as escort and firing party.

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**Jacob Stein** was born in Baden, Germany; enlisted in Co. B, 10th Reg't Penna. Vols., on the 10th day of April, 1861, as Drummer, and was discharged August 9, 1861. Was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, November 14, 1877, and died October 14, 1878, aged 39 years. Buried at Glenwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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During October an effort was made to have the members of the Post take the large second story rooms of No. 4 Merrick street as a social and general meeting place for the comrades, day or night, to be entirely distinct from the Post meeting-room or headquarters. They were formerly occupied as the headquarters of the 2d Brigade, N. G. of Pa., and were nicely furnished and would have served the purpose very well. Owing to the uncertainty as to the future of the Post, and in the anticipation that its members would eventually have rooms of their own, centrally located, that would answer all the requirements of both meeting and social purposes, this project was abandoned.

The Post having decided to participate in the ceremonies of Grand Army Day again this year, Commander Allen issued the following order:





HEAD-QUARTERS GEO. G. MEADE POST, NO. 1,

PHILADELPHIA, November 7, 1878.

**General Orders, No. 2.**

I. In accordance with General Orders, No. 11, Department Headquarters, the Post will assemble at headquarters, No. 711 Spring Garden street, on Grand Army Day, November 12, at 11.30 o'clock, to participate in the parade and ceremonies at the main Exhibition Building.

II. Comrades will wear the following dress:—Fatigue cap, badge, white vest and gloves, black necktie and dark suit.

III. The Fife and Drum Corps will report to the Adjutant at 12 o'clock sharp.

By order of

R. W. P. ALLEN, *Post Commander*

*Official.* ARCHER MARTS, *Adjutant.*

In compliance with the above the comrades assembled as directed, and, under the command of Commander Allen, marched to Broad and Spring Garden streets, where the whole line was formed and reviewed by the Department Commander and staff; and soon after, the column started and marched out Green street and through the Park to the Main Exhibition Building, where the rest of the day was spent in social enjoyment with comrades, families and friends. About sixty comrades of the Post participated.

The Post took immediate possession of their new headquarters, southeast corner of Eleventh and Chestnut streets, dating from November 1, 1878, and every means at their disposal were taken to have them ready for occupancy as soon as possible. By the first of December they were ready, handsomely furnished and fitted up, and the first muster was held there on Monday, December 2d, which was the annual meeting for the election of officers, resulting in the election of Comrade L. D. C. Tyler as Commander for the ensuing year.

The success of the Post was now assured, notwithstanding that the Post was homeless so long and shifted from place to place. Fifty-four new members were added to the roll; and once more were we called



upon to mourn the loss of another comrade by death. Comrade Jacob Stein, as previously announced.

The following are the comrades who were mustered during the year :—

JAMES M. LINNARD, SAMUEL B. HUEY, AARON LAZARUS, W. RUSSELL SMITH, WILLIAM MAYER, REV. H. CLAY TRUMBULL, ALBERT SUPER, THOMAS J. RORER, SAMUEL R. KENT, JAMES COLLINS, M. D., JAMES L. CLYMER, WILLIAM D. DUNSFORD, WILLIAM T. BLAKEY, JOHN C. DOBLEMAN, JAMES STARR, CHARLES E. BEALE, WILLIAM H. MANN, GEORGE MAGEE, JR., JOSEPH HOWSER, GEORGE S. DUNCAN, JOSEPH BOND, JOHN H. GARDINER, JOHN T. DURANG, PETER H. JACOBUS, T. MORRIS KNIGHT, GEORGE E. PAUL, CHARLES MUNDER, JOHN SCOTT, WILLIAM C. BIRD, CHARLES I. WICKERSHAM, FRANCIS B. OWEN, HALSEY J. TIBBALS, E. W. SCHURTZ, HERBERT L. ELLIS, CHARLES McILWAINE, SAMUEL W. ARBUCKLE, THOMAS J. VAN AKEN, JAMES McFADDEN, M. D., JOHN M. EVANS, PAUL BRIDGER, JAMES OSBORNE, ISAAC JENKINS, RICHARD HEWITT, HOWELL ATWATER, WILLIAM H. MILLER, CHARLES E. ETTING, CHARLES RUTH, CHARLES H. GIBSON, HENRY J. ARBUCKLE, C. CLAYTON FRAZIER, LEWIS R. HAMERSLEY, WILLIAM W. ABEL, LOUIS J. BOOS, ALBERT C. JOHNSTON.

On December 31st Commander Allen issued the following order :—

HEAD-QUARTERS GEORGE G. MEADE POST, No. 1, S. F. CO., FIFTH AND CHESTNUT STS.,

PHILADELPHIA, December 31, 1878.

### **General Orders No. 3.**

I. The Post will assemble at its headquarters at 7 30 o'clock on Thursday evening, January 2d, 1879, to visit in a body, by invitation, Post No. 2, whose officers for the ensuing year will be installed by Comrade Jos. R. C. Ward, of Post No. 1.

II. There will be an open installation of the officers elected by Post No. 1, to serve for the year 1879, upon next Monday evening, January 6, 1879, at 8 o'clock, at its headquarters, by Comrade J. Spencer Smith, of Post No. 2. The lady friends of the comrades of the Post are cordially invited to be present. The band of Post No. 2 has volunteered its services and the Committee of Arrangements has secured numerous entertaining speakers.

III. The next regular muster of the Post will be held Monday evening, January 13, 1879, at 8 o'clock.

By command of

R. W. P. ALLEN, *Post Commander.*

ARCHER MARIS, *Adjutant.*

The year 1879 opened one of the most prosperous and eventful years in the history of the Post.

The comrades were elated over their beautiful and commodious headquarters—certainly very handsomely furnished and fitted up by



by the Council of Administration, of which Comrade E. DeC. Loud was chairman and Wm. J. Simpson, Robert H. Ford, W. Russell Smith and George Q. White were members. They were greatly assisted by the committee appointed to raise funds for that purpose, of which Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward was chairman, who placed at their disposal nearly \$400, to enable them to make the necessary alterations and to furnish the rooms; many of the comrades giving their labor freely and every one responding cheerfully whenever called upon. All worked hard to get their friends to join the Post and to bring in others to enjoy our comfortable home, and thus increase our membership.

The Council of Administration in their final report, submitted December 31st, reported the actual cash paid out to be \$626.09, with \$219.81 on hand to meet other bills, and that the labor and materials donated by the comrades would amount to nearly \$1,500.

The paper-hanging was donated by Comrade W. Russell Smith, the window-shades by Comrade Colin M. Beale, the upholstering by Comrade John M. Gardiner, the carpentering by Comrades L. D. C. Tyler and John E. Davis.

On January 6th the public installation of officers took place, and the rooms were crowded with the comrades, their families and friends, who responded to this invitation sent out by the Commander:—

Compliments of the officers and members of

**Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1. G. A. R.**

Yourself and lady are requested to be present at the installation of officers on Monday evening, January 6th, 1879, at 8 o'clock, at Post Headquarters, S. E. Cor. 11th and Chestnut Sts.

R. W. P. ALLEN, *Past Commander.*

The orchestra of Post No. 2 was present and delighted all with some excellent music. Comrade J. Spencer Smith, Past Commander



**LYNFORD D. C. TYLER.**

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service of the United States Army as a Private, 10th Pennsylvania Volunteer, April 23, 1861.

Promoted to Corporal, 11th, 100th Pennsylvania Volunteer, January 4, 1863.

Promoted to Sergeant, 22d, 1864; discharged November 26, 1864.

Mustered out of the service, Meade Post No. 1, November 16, 1875.

Elected Officer of the Guard December 8, 1875.

Elected Officer of the Day October, 1876.

Elected Junior Vice-Commander December 13, 1876.

Elected Senior Vice-Commander December 17, 1877.

Elected Commander December 2, 1878.

of Post No. 2, was installing officer, and as soon as the officers were installed, recitations were given by Comrades James P. Mead, Hampton S. Thomas and J. Spencer Smith, Post No. 2; Geo. W. Waterhouse, Post 19; Chas. H. Gibson, Post No. 1; also singing by Miss Ida Beale, Miss Outerbridge and Miss Whitehouse, and Comrade Jonathan C. Barnes, of Post No. 1, making an attractive entertainment for those who were present.

The following are the officers who were installed:—

Commander	I. D. C. TAYLOR
Senior Vice-Commander	A. J. SELLERS.
Junior Vice-Commander	THOMAS J. ASHTON.
Adjutant	JAMES B. DILLI
Quartermaster	WM. W. SWEISFORT.
Chaplain	HAILEY J. TIBBENS
Officer of the Day	COLIN M. BEALE.
Officer of the Guard	JOHN C. DOBBELMAN

Surgeon James Collins, M. D., Sergeant-Major Howell Atwater, and Quartermaster-Sergeant Wm. B. Burk, being absent, were duly installed at a subsequent muster.

At the muster of February 10th the committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the death of General Cadwallader, consisting of Comrades Chas. H. Gibson, Geo. W. Devinny and Chas. M. West, submitted their report, which was adopted, as follows:—

**Whereas,** It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst, after a life of more than ordinary usefulness to his city, State, and country, our fellow soldier and citizen Major-General George Cadwallader; therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, G. A. R., has heard with sorrow of the death of Major-General George Cadwallader, a gentleman, who, by his pre-eminent virtues and abilities as a citizen, soldier and patriot, has endeared himself to his countrymen. In his death the nation has lost one of its ablest and most devoted defenders, and Philadelphia one of its best citizens.

**Resolved,** That, though General Cadwallader was not a member of this Organization, it is most





eminently fit and appropriate that we ex-soldiers of the Army of the United States should testify our appreciation of the services of one who joined with us in offering his life in defense of his country, and that as an able and fearless commander his memory will be cherished by us.

**Resolved.** That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the widow of Major General George Cadwallader.

On the evening of March 3d, Ellis Post, No. 6, of Germantown, paid another fraternal visit to this Post and were agreeably entertained.

At a muster on April 21st the Library Committee reported a donation of sixty volumes to the Post Library from Comrade William Bell, which were gratefully received and a special card of thanks prepared and sent to Comrade Bell.

On May 19th Comrade Henry S. Lansing presented the Post with a "Garrison Flag," with the following letter:—

PHILADELPHIA, May 19, 1879

*Comrades of Post One.*—This "Garrison Flag" I present to you, first flew to the breeze over "Fort Ellsworth," in front of Alexandria, the then outpost in front of Washington, July, 1861, until after the first Bull Run; next over my winter camp, 1861-2, at Hall's Hill, Va.; next in camp before Yorktown; then at Gaines' Mills, on the Chickahominy, the very spot where the battle of that name took place; next at Fredericksburg, and on the upper Potomac; last over "Camp Sprague," New Dorp, Staten Island, in 1863, where under it General Geo. B. McClellan received his last review in uniform as Major-General of the U. S. A.

It has been the pall for many a gallant comrade gone to his rest, and for these associations I have cherished it these many years. A little repairing will make it whole. To you I commit it. Keep it for its memories, for use on Decoration Days to come.

Fraternally, your comrade,

H. S. LANSING,

*First Colonel 171<sup>st</sup> N. Y. Vols., Captain 12th U. S. Inf., 1<sup>st</sup> Div., 6<sup>th</sup> Corps.*

The Memorial Day services were entrusted to the following Committee: Wm. J. Simpson, chairman; Jos. R. C. Ward, secretary; Geo. Q. White, treasurer; Geo. W. Devanny, Wm. B. Burk, Chas. H. Gibson, Jno. C. Dobleman, H. J. Tibbals and Robert H. Ford; and like those who preceded them, right well did they perform their arduous duties to the entire satisfaction of the Post and with credit to themselves.



Circulars were sent to the comrades, urging them to participate, in uniform if possible. A request was also sent to the contributing members, asking them to parade as a citizens' escort.

General Orders, No. 1, from Post Headquarters, dated May 26th, gave full instructions and announced the following as the route over which the line should pass: Up Eleventh to Girard, to Twelfth, to Walnut, to Broad, to Chestnut, to Eighth, to Arch, to Broad, to Green, to Park, thence to Lincoln Monument. In compliance with said order, the Post assembled at headquarters at 12.30 P. M., on May 30th, and at 1.45 P. M. took up the line of march as above, receiving our escort on Girard street, consisting of a battalion of the 2d Regiment, N. G. P., Companies A and G, under command of Captain P. H. Jacobus; 100 boys from the Lincoln Institute, under Captain Wm. S. Davis, and a squad of police under Lieut. Crout, all commanded by Captain John T. Durang; Eighty-six comrades of the Post participated, sixty-four of whom were uniformed, and marched with the Post, under Commander Tyler. The Post paraded as a battalion of two companies, Senior Vice-Commander A. J. Sellers commanding the first and Junior Vice-Commander Thos. J. Ashton the second company. McClurg's Military Band furnished the music, assisted by the Geo. G. Meade Fife and Drum Corps. The choristers of St. Mark's P. E. Church were again a prominent feature of the service.

Past Post Chaplain Rev. H. Clay Trumbull was selected to make the address at the Lincoln Monument, Comrade Chas. H. Gibson the oration at the cemetery, and Post Chaplain Halsey J. Tibbals to officiate as chaplain.



The ceremonies at General Meade's grave were performed by Commander Tyler, Senior Vice-Commander Sellers, Junior Vice-Commander Ashton, and Chaplain Tibbals ; the chairman of the committee, Comrade Wm. J. Simpson, making the address.

We again make a brief extract of the account of these services as given in *The Press* of May 31st :—

Meade Post, No. 1, made a magnificent display. This Post is a leading one of the organization, and will be a historic one, because among its members it includes the name of Ulysses Grant, a President of the United States. It may be remembered that during his visit to this city in 1877, and immediately before his departure for Europe, General Grant was made a member of this organization by the officers of the Post, in Mr. George W. Childs' office. Meade Post therefore has peculiarly patriotic memories apart from the distinguished name it bears, and yesterday it proved itself worthy the name of the heroic title it bears. The Post's headquarters, at the corner of Eleventh and Chestnut streets, were magnificently decorated ; the members of the Command were all "present or accounted for ;" the room was redolent with the perfume of beautiful flowers, and everything gave evidence of a spontaneous and unanimous desire to do honor to the day. Promptly at 1 o'clock the members of the Post were ordered to fall into line, and nearly one hundred members responded.

The invited guests were conveyed to the scene of the ceremonies in carriages, and a superb feature of the display was a magnificent offering to be placed on the tomb of General Meade, designed by Mr. Sherwood, florist, and consisting of a base of laurel leaves crowned with a pillar of rare and beautiful flowers nearly five feet in height. Four doves ornamented the angles of the square and on top in white flowers is an exquisite urn, the base bears the name "Meade."

Thus will be seen the growth of the Post in this beautiful and touching tribute paid by them to their deceased comrades ; growing gradually from a beginning of four comrades in 1874 to about 25 in 1877, when the first parade was made ; to 1879, when nearly 100 comrades participated. The committee collected this year for their expenses \$485.76, and, after paying all bills, turned over to the Post a balance of \$40.90, Comrade Geo. Q. White making the largest collection, of \$121.00.

On the evening of June 17th the Post participated in the reception of the Department Commanders of Pennsylvania and Maryland, and



their escorts, Posts 2 and 5 of this city, upon their return from the National Encampment at Albany, N. Y., and paraded 42 comrades, under command of Commander Tyler. There were fifteen of the Philadelphia Posts that participated, viz.: Nos. 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 12, 18, 21, 24, 26, 46, 51, 80, 94, 114 and 115, making a large and creditable display.

On June 23rd a committee consisting of Comrades Jos. R. C. Ward, Wm. B. Burk and Chas. F. Simmons was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the members' good wishes towards Comrade Samuel Worthington and their appreciation of his services in behalf of the Post, he having applied for a transfer card to connect himself with a Post at his new home in Moorestown, N. J. The committee presented the following as their report, which was unanimously adopted:—

**Whereas,** Comrade Samuel Worthington, Past Post Adjutant and one of its charter members, has applied for transfer card upon the ground of permanent removal beyond the jurisdiction of the Post, and for the purpose of organizing a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in his new location, and

**Whereas,** The transfer card as asked for has been granted, therefore be it

**Resolved,** That in parting with Comrade Samuel Worthington the Post deemed it fitting to place on record a testimonial to his worth as a man and a comrade, a whole-souled active worker for the good of the Order.

**Resolved,** That our good wishes follow him to his new field of labor. That we commend him to the comrades of the Post to which he has attached himself as being thoroughly grounded in the fundamental principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

**Resolved,** That these preambles and resolutions be spread upon the minutes and that a copy of the same, properly attested, be forwarded to Past Post Adjutant Samuel Worthington.

The committee, with Comrades Tibbals, Arbuckle, Hale, Todd, and John W. Ward, visited Moorestown, N. J., on the night of the institution of the new Post, No. 22, and presented Comrade Worthington with an engrossed copy of the above resolutions beautifully framed.

General Orders No. 3, from Post headquarters, dated July 14th, announced the appointment of Past Post Commander Jos. R. C. Ward





as Adjutant, vice James B. Diehl resigned, to date from July 1st. Also, the appointment of Harry W. Hewes as Junior Vice Commander during the absence of Junior Vice Commander Thomas J. Ashton in Europe.

On September 1st the Library Committee reported one hundred volumes in the Post library, contributed by twelve comrades of the Post, principally by Comrades Wm. Bell, R. W. P. Allen, Jos. R. C. Ward, F. B. Owen, L. R. Hammersly and H. S. Lansing.

On October 6th, after innumerable postponements, the Post finally adopted the present Post badge.



by the committee appointed to procure them, and the selection of one was to be decided by ballot. After the first ballot sixteen designs were dropped and another ballot taken. Still no choice. Two more designs were dropped, and finally, on the third ballot, this one was adopted and is now the official Post badge.

In compliance with General Orders No. 4, from Post headquarters, dated October 7th, the members assembled at the headquarters, S. E. corner of Eleventh and Chestnut streets, about 9 o'clock on the morning of October 11th, to participate in the parade on Grand Army Day, and proceeded to the point of formation, Broad and Walnut streets. Shortly after 10 o'clock the line was reviewed by Commander-in-Chief Wm. Earnshaw and Department Commander Geo. L. Brown, and at 11 o'clock the column started, marched up Broad street to Girard avenue, countermarched to Green street, to Park, and to Main Exhibition Building, 41 comrades participating, under Commander Tyler, and 10 additional met the Post at the building, making a total of 57. After a few addresses the Posts proceeded to their different headquarters and



were dismissed, and the members enjoyed themselves with their families and friends during the afternoon and evening.

On October 27th Comrade William B. Burk resigned as Quarter master Sergeant and Comrade Charles L. Atlee was appointed his successor.

The Annual Benefit of the Post took place at the Walnut Street Theatre on Monday evening, November 17th, and proved a decided success, netting the Post \$268.25. Comrades John C. Dobleman and John W. Ward, selling the largest number of tickets, both the same were each presented with a gold Post Badge.

At muster of November 24th the Post accepted the invitation to parade on a day to be hereafter decided upon for the reception of our comrade, Ulysses S. Grant, on his return from his trip around the world, and tendered the services of the Post as a personal escort to him.

December 1st was the annual muster for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and resulted in the election of Comrade A. J. Sellers as Commander, 139 votes being cast. The contest for delegates to the Department Encampment was so close that it took five ballots to decide who should represent the Post, and was very exciting and kept the Post in session until 2.15 A. M.

At the same muster Comrade Samuel Worthington, Commander of Post No. 22, Department of N. J., and late Adjutant of this Post, presented to the Post the autograph letters of General Grant, written him while he was adjutant, relative to his joining the G. A. R., to be retained by the Post as long as it exists and then to be turned over to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

On December 12th, a special muster of the Post was held to com-



plete the arrangements for the reception of Comrade U. S. Grant, and to elect and muster those recruits who desired to participate; a special dispensation being received from the Department Commander to that effect.

Commander Tyler issued the following order for the parade on the 16th :—

HEAD-QUARTERS GEO. G. MEADE POST, NO. 1, DEPT. OF PENNA.,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, S. E. COR. FIFTEENTH AND CHESTNUT STS.

PHILADELPHIA, December 11, 1879.

**General Order No. 5.**

I. The comrades of this Post will assemble at these Head-Quarters on Tuesday, December 16, 1879, at 8 o'clock A. M., for parade, to participate in the reception of General U. S. Grant by the citizens of Philadelphia.

II. The line will form at 8:30 and leave head-quarters at 8:45 A. M., to proceed to place of formation at Broad and Spring Garden streets, to report at 9 o'clock.

III. The band and drum corps of the Fifth Maryland Regiment have been engaged, and will report to the Adjutant at 8:45 A. M.

IV. Overcoats will be furnished by the Quartermaster, at Head-Quarters, on the morning of the 16th inst. Comrades will provide themselves with and appear in uniform cap, white gloves and dark pants, with G. A. R. badge on left breast.

The Commander trusts that every comrade will endeavor to parade with the Post on this important occasion. Comrade Grant being a member of the Post it is very essential that we should parade with full ranks.

By order of

F. D. C. TYLER, *Post-Commander*.

JOS. R. C. WADE, *Adjutant*.

And then, on December 13th, issued the following order, giving additional information :—

HEAD-QUARTERS GEO. G. MEADE POST, NO. 1, DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, S. E. COR. FIFTEENTH AND CHESTNUT STS.

PHILADELPHIA, December 13, 1879.

**General Order No. 6.**

I. Sergeant-Major Howell Atwater, owing to continued absence from the city, is hereby relieved from duty as Sergeant-Major, to date from September 15, 1879.

The Commander takes this opportunity of complimenting Comrade Atwater for the faithful and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties until business compelled his continued absence from the city.



II. Comrade John A. Stevenson is hereby appointed Sergeant Major, vice Atwater relieved, to date from September 15, 1879. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Senior Vice-Commander A. J. Sellers, having been appointed Aid to the Chief Marshal, for the reception of our Comrade, U. S. Grant, on Tuesday, December 16, 1879, is hereby granted leave of absence for that day.

IV. Junior Vice-Commander Thos. J. Ashton is hereby appointed Senior Vice-Commander; Officer-of-the-Day C. M. Beale, Junior Vice-Commander; Officer-of-the-Guard John C. Dobleman, Officer-of-the-Day, and Sergeant-Major John A. Stevenson, Officer-of-the-Guard, for the parade of the 16th inst. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Officer-of-the-Day John C. Dobleman will report to Senior Vice-Commander Thos. J. Ashton, and Officer-of-the-Guard John A. Stevenson to Junior Vice-Commander C. M. Beale; all other officers of the Post and Past Commanders will report to the Commander.

By order of

L. D. C. TYLER, *Past Commander*

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Secretary*

This was certainly the most important event of the year; that is, the part taken by the Post in the reception of our comrade, U. S. Grant. Upon his return from his trip around the world, all the cities of our nation did honor to him to an extent previously unknown in the history of our land and never accorded to any other man; and on December 16, 1879, Philadelphia exceeded them all. Our Post, under the command of Commander L. D. C. Tyler, made such an elegant appearance as to excite the envy of some and the admiration and praise of all of the other Posts, 107 men being in line with handsome overcoats, secured for the occasion. Another of the attractions was the appearance in line of "Old Baldy," General Meade's old war horse, with all the trappings of war upon him, which excited no little enthusiasm as he passed over the route. It was his last parade, as shortly afterward he was taken to Montgomery County, where death from old age claimed him on December 16, 1882, exactly three years after his parade in honor of the nation's greatest chieftain. Through the patriotic efforts of Comrades









of nearly one hundred pieces, of the Fifth Maryland Regiment of Baltimore, led by Drum Major G. Bruce Barrett, and proceeded up Eleventh street to Ridge avenue, to Spring Garden, to Broad, reporting to the Assistant Adjutant General at 9:20 A. M. At 9:30 the column moved up Broad street to Columbia avenue, and countermarched to Buttonwood, where the line was re-formed on the west side of Broad street, facing east, and awaited the arrival of Comrade Grant.

At 11:30 A. M. the head of the column passed. At 12:10 General Grant and Mayor Stodley passed in an open carriage drawn by four gray horses. Shortly after the column broke into sections of eight and about 12:35 took up the line of march, proceeding down Broad street to Filbert, around the eastern front of the Public Building to Market street, to Fourth, to Chestnut, to Thirteenth, to Pine, to Broad, to Passyunk avenue, and after a halt of thirty-five minutes countermarched up Broad to Public Buildings, being reviewed at Broad and Sansom streets by General Grant, accompanied by Generals Hartranft, Latta, Seigfried, Reeder and Snowden, and His Excellency Governor Henry M. Hoyt; then passing around the western front of the Public Buildings, where the line was dismissed. This Post then proceeded around the Buildings to Market street, to Twelfth, to Girard, to Eleventh, to Post rooms, and was dismissed about 5 o'clock to re-assemble at 8 o'clock.

The Post marched in sections of eight and was formed in two companies, the first commanded by Junior Vice Commander Thos. J. Ashton, Acting Senior Vice-Commander, assisted by Officer-of-the-Guard John C. Dobleman, acting Officer-of-the-Day, and the second commanded by Officer-of-the-Day Colin M. Beale, acting Junior Vice-Commander, assisted by Sergeant-Major John A. Stevenson, acting Officer-of-the-Guard. Between the two companies were nine stands of colors, including General Meade's Head-Quarters flag, kindly loaned by the family, the colors of 28th and 95th Regiments, P. V., and other National and State colors. The handsome new white silk Post flag, carried for the first time, was at the head of the Post, carried by Comrade Jacob Swoyer. There were also carried ten new silk guidons, containing the corps marks, making twenty one with those already owned by the Post. The members were equipped with light blue overcoats, trimmed and lined with red, the capes being buttoned back over the shoulders, G. A. R. caps, white gloves, the officers wearing side arms, the whole appearance of the Post being unexceptionally good, this being the finest display ever made by the Post and the largest number ever parading, one hundred and seven (107) in line.

There was led in the line in rear of the colors the famous old war horse of General Meade, "Old Baldy," now about 26 years of age, kindly loaned by Dr. W. H. Daniels, the present owner. This was one of the features of the parade and attracted much attention. He bears a number of honorable scars of wounds received while carrying his illustrious master in many of the battles of the Army of the Potomac.

The following comrades paraded, with the Post: Commander L. D. C. Tyler, Junior Vice Commander Thos. J. Ashton, Adjutant Jos. R. C. Ward, Quartermaster Wm. W. Sweisfort, Chaplain Halsey J. Tibbals, Officer-of-the-Day Colin M. Beale, Officer-of-the-Guard John C. Dobleman, Sergeant-Major John A. Stevenson, Quartermaster Sergeant Chas. L. Allen, Past Post Commander Geo. W. Devigny, Comrades Atkinson,



S. W. At buckle, Appel, Allman, Paul H. Barnes, Blakey, Bird, Bridger, Boos, Brooks, Blair, Clymer, Jno. F. Clark, Cassidy, Cooper, Connolly, Diehl, Dunsford, Dally, Horace, Evans, Enoch, Ebner, Edwards, Grogan, Gimber, Gardiner, Goodwin, Gladings, Givin, Hutchinson, Hewes, Hottelger, Hale, Holman, Hamner, Hartlevan, James, A. C. Johnston, Kent, T. M. Knight, Henry Keen, Krieger, Loud, Leiding, Linnard, Lazarus, Luckenback, Maris, Mayer, Munder, McCann, McGonigle, MacNeal, McCarter, Macferran, McKnight, Macpherson, Marquet, L. W. Moore, Nelson, H. C. Potter, Paul, Pfeiffer, Rorer, Reed, Schwarz, Simpson, Strobel, W. R. Smith, Super, John Scott, Sherer, C. F. Simmons, Ellis Stokes, Swoyer, Shantz, J. I. Stewart, Geo. Stevenson, W. W. Tucker, Todd, W. H. H. Wallace, W. W. Wallace, White, Walter, C. W. West, Weaver, Wood, John W. Ward, Whitaker, G. W. West, Wolfe, Whittier, Wharton, Weierback, R. J. Young, and Yoder—407

In submitting this report your Adjutant cannot refrain from complimenting the Post upon its excellent appearance and unexceptionable conduct, being such as to elicit the highest commendation from our sister Posts and the comrades generally, and most favorable comment from our citizens.

I would also call your attention to the necessity of the members of the Post adopting and providing themselves with overcoats or capes, this parade demonstrating the want of such an addition to our uniform, as those worn by our comrades on this occasion added greatly to our fine appearance.

I have the honor to be, Commander, very respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Adjutant*

Then came that perfect ovation tendered to Comrade Grant, when all the survivors of the armies he commanded in war who could be packed into the Academy of Music, met there on Thursday evening, December 18, 1879, to still further testify their love for their old commander. To arrange for that monster reception, or, as we old soldiers rather chose to call it, "Camp Fire," a committee had been appointed by this Post, and an invitation extended to each Post in this city, Germantown, Roxborough and Chester, to send a representative. The committee was organized by electing Comrade E. De C. Loud, of this Post, as chairman, Comrade John W. Kester, Post 6, secretary, and Comrade Wm. B. Rose, Post 94, treasurer. The following are the other comrades who composed that committee and the Posts they represented:—



POST 2, MATTHEW HALL,  
5, JOHN STEWART,  
7, ANDREW HAGUE,  
8, WM. R. PETERMAN,  
10, SMITH D. COZENS,  
12, W. J. DONALD,  
14, LEWIS A. UHL,  
15, THOMAS J. REED,  
18, CHARLES G. LINDER,

POST 19, E. J. SMITH,  
21, W. PENN BROWN,  
24, DAVID T. DAVIES,  
25, W. H. MARTIN,  
27, JOHN DITON,  
35, T. H. SHERWOOD,  
46, W. E. HOFFMAN,  
51, JOHN TAYLOR,  
55, SAMUEL HELVERSON,

POST 56, R. M. J. REED,  
63, JOHN E. SAILER,  
71, SAM'L F. DELANEY,  
77, H. J. STAGER,  
80, WESLEY E. PRICE,  
103, JAMES H. DAVIS,  
114, D. M. FERGUSON,  
115, E. N. RUE,  
228, LEWIS HEILIGMAN,

DEPT. HEADQUARTERS, REV. JOHN W. SAYERS.

Commander Tyler issued the following order giving the necessary information to the comrades :—

HEAD QUARTERS, GEORGE G. MEADE POST, NO. 1, DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, G. A. R.,

S. E. COR. 4TH AND CHESTNUT STS.,

PHILADELPHIA, December 13, 1879.

### **General Orders No. 7.**

I. The comrades of this Post will assemble at these headquarters on Thursday, December 18, 1879, at 6 o'clock P. M., for parade, to participate in the reception of our comrade, U. S. Grant, by the Grand Army of the Republic.

II. The line will form 1530 P. M. sharp, to proceed to the Continental Hotel, to escort Comrade Grant to the "Camp Fire" at the Academy of Music. Every comrade must provide himself with a ticket or he cannot be admitted to the Academy.

III. The comrades are hereby informed that the Grand Army uniform must be strictly adhered to, and is as follows: Single breasted dark blue coat and white vest, with G. A. R. buttons, dark pants, fatigue cap, white gloves and black necktie. Overcoats issued by the Quartermaster will be worn while parading.

IV. The Commander hereby assumes command of the whole escort, and Senior Vice Commander A. J. Sellers is hereby directed to assume command of the Post, and Comrade David Branson, of Post 5, commander of the details from other Posts; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Past Post Commanders R. W. P. Allen and George W. Devinney, and Comrade H. C. Potter are hereby appointed special aids to the Commander, and will report at 6 P. M. sharp.

VI. The badges adopted as the Post badge are now ready and can be obtained from the Quartermaster at the contract price of \$3.00 each.

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Quartermaster.*

By order of

E. D. C. TYLER, *Post Commander.*

In pursuance to above order, the comrades assembled at Post headquarters, 137 strong, and, under command of Senior Vice Commander A. J. Sellers, proceeded to the Continental Hotel and escorted Comrade





Grant to the Academy of Music, and after the services there, re-formed and escorted him back to the hotel.

The escort was composed of and marched in the following order: One hundred picked policemen, under the command of Chief of Police Comrade S. Irvin Given, Past Department Commander, all being Grand Army men and wearing their G. A. R. badge; Commander L. D. C. Tyler, commanding the whole escort, and his aids; Meade Post, No. 1, 137 comrades, Senior Vice-Commander A. J. Sellers commanding; carriages containing Comrade U. S. Grant and other guests; marching on each side of these were comrades representing all the Philadelphia Posts, bearing forty stands of colors—tattered battle flags, carried by the regiments during the war; Drum Corps of Post No. 2; a detail of five comrades from each of the Philadelphia Posts, under the command of Commander David Branson, of Post No. 5. The whole route to the Academy and return was brilliantly illuminated with colored lights, carried by the comrades.

The ceremonies at the Academy of Music were presided over by Comrade John F. Hartranft, and were as follows:—

REVEILLE,	.....	DRUM CORPS, POST NO. 2.
PRAYER,	.....	REV. JOHN W. SAYERS, CHAPLAIN DEPT. of PENNA., G. A. R.
ADDRESS OF WELCOME (ON BEHALF OF THE STATE),	.....	COMRADE HENRY M. HUNT, GOVERNOR OF PENNA.
ADDRESS OF WELCOME (ON BEHALF OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC),	.....	REV. H. CLAY TRUMBULL, CHAPLAIN MEADE POST, NO. 1.
DOUBLE QUARTETTE—"SHIP OF STATE,"	.....	COMRADES H. S. AND THEO. THOMAS, RODEN, GROFF, MOORE, AND MESSRS. BRISCOE, HUFF AND FORD.
ADDRESS,	.....	COMRADE JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, POST NO. 2, ASST. ADJ.-GEN'L DEPT. of PENNA.
RECITATION—"HONOR OF A SOLDIER,"	.....	COMRADE CHAS. J. ARMS.
RECITATION—"THE AMERICAN NAVY,"	.....	COMRADE WM. H. LAMBERT, POST NO. 2.
QUARTETTE—"THE FLAG THAT BEARS THE STARS AND STRIPES,"	.....	COMRADES P. AND J. LABAREE, STORY AND TEESE.
PRESENTATION (A GOLD GRAND ARMY BADGE TO COMRADE U. S. GRANT),	.....	COMRADE ROB'T B. BEATH, POST NO. 5, PAST DEPT. COMMANDER OF PENNA.
PRESENTATION (A SILVER SPOON TO COMRADE ROB'T B. BEATH, IN HONOR OF A SON BORN TO HIM WITHIN A FEW DAYS, REQUESTING THAT IT BE NAMED U. S. GRANT),	.....	COMRADE JOHN W. SAYERS, CHAPLAIN DEPT. of PENNA.



**HENRY CLAY TRUMBULL, D.D.**

CHAPLAIN GEO. G. MEADE POST NO. ONE.

Entered the service as Chaplain 10th Reg't Conn. Volunteers, September 10, 1862.

Imprisoned at Morris Island, S. C., July 10, 1863; released November 12, 1863.

Final honor roll as Chaplain 10th Reg't Conn. Volunteers, August 25, 1865.

Mustered in Nathaniel Lyon Post No. 2 Department of Connecticut, G. A. R., 1867

Chaplain Department of Connecticut, G. A. R., 1868, 1869, 1870.

Member National Council of Administration, 1871, 1872, 1873.

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, February 13, 1878.

Passing Chaplain, 1879.

SONG—"MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA," - - - COMRADE WM. J. SMYTH, FRED TAYLOR POST, NO. 19.

THE WHOLE AUDIENCE JOINING IN THE REFRAIN

ADDRESS, - - - - - COMRADE A. WILSON NORRIS, POST NO. 19, PAST DEP'T COMMANDER OF PENNA.

RECITATION—"THE SURRENDER," ALSO "FARE YOU WELL, FATHER WATKINS,"

COMRADE GEO. B. CARSE, POST NO. 5, DEP'T OF N. J.

SONG—"THE TRUMPET SOUNDS AWAY," - - - - - IRMA GLEE CLUB.

RECITATION—"THE WOUNDED SOLDIER," - - - - - COMRADE J. SPENCER SMITH, POST NO. 2.

ADDRESS, - - - - - COMRADE LOUIS WAGNER, POST NO. 6, PAST DEP'T COMMANDER OF PENNA.

RECITATION—"WORDS AND THEIR USES," - - - - - COMRADE S. L. ADAMS, E. D. BAKER POST, NO. 8.

BENEDICTION - - - - - CHAPLAIN JOHN W. SAYERS.

The services of that night were such as to be long remembered by the many thousands of comrades who literally packed that large building from top to bottom, corridors, hallways and aisles.

The address of welcome of Comrade H. Clay Trumbull, of this Post, and "The American Navy," by Comrade Wm. H. Lambert, of Post No. 2, were most enthusiastically received. It is therefore with pleasure that we are able to give in full Chaplain H. Clay Trumbull's address:—

*General Grant:* It is as a representative of George G. Meade Post One, of the Department of Pennsylvania, that I am deputed to second and to re-emphasize the welcome to you of the Grand Army of the Republic to-night. That Post is honored with your membership—which fact alone is sufficient to give the Post a place in history. Moreover, it bears the name and cherishes the fame of a great and good soldier whom you confidently trusted, and to whose brilliant services the nation owes a debt of gratitude for all time to come. As a representative of that Post I may venture, without presumption, to crave the indulgence of your further kind hearing.

It is true that other words of welcome than the eloquent and fitting ones which have already been spoken to you, might well be deemed superfluous to-night. Indeed, it might seem that one who has received the glad greetings of all the sovereigns of earth, and who has fairly encircled the globe with the echo of his praises, would tire of even the heartiest expressions of honor or esteem that could come to him from any source, or by any person, whatsoever. But no true man ever tires of words of love and confidence from those who are dear to him. And as you, sir, have already been reminded, and as a single glance about you would have assured you, this vast assemblage is made up of those who are no strangers to you. They are your old soldiers, your former companions in arms—"blood relatives" all; and it is not too much to say that they are very dear to you. You depended on them, and they proved true to you, in the hour of need to you and to



them—an hour of need to our nation and to humanity. Because then you were capable, and they were trust worthy, you had success, and they had victory and its rejoicings.

A Swiss guide piloting a party of tourists up one of the Alpine peaks, after clambering from crag to crag, reached a table-land elevation, from which all the plain below, and the path from it, could be seen distinctly. Stopping his party there, he said to them: "Here, gentlemen, is the place to look back!" Such a table-land as that we have reached in this hall to-night. Here is a place to look back. Here are men from well-nigh every field where you did service and won honor—from your Bunker Hill at Belmont to your Yorktown at Appomattox Court House. How can they help looking back? Meeting you again face to face, they cannot but recall afresh those days when you were all the world to them; when you held their lives and honor in your keeping; when on your sagacity, your courage, and your fidelity depended all that they loved or lived for—and for which they were ready to die.

As once more they look on you, and on those dear old flags beside you, they remember how, at your order and under your lead, they followed those flags in the storm of battle, or stood by them in the dreary siege, upholding and defending them amid the shower of bullets or under the crash of bursting shell; on the death-crowned parapet or in the open field, with ringing charge and counter charge; or on the weary march, by night and by day, in summer's heat and in winter's cold; until the weather-beaten, tattered, and bullet-pierced remnant of those flags bear mute but eloquent witness to the true-hearted devotion of those soldiers and their great commander to the interests of that country which, under God, he saved, which he has governed so wisely and represented everywhere so grandly, and of which he stands to-day confessedly the foremost, best-loved citizen.

Bound to you, sir, by such sacred ties of memory and association, these old soldiers have watched you in your world-wide wanderings with loving interest, and have shared, with a feeling of grateful pride, the wide world's homage to your personal services and worth, and to your representative character. They who were one with you in your struggles and trials are one with you in your triumph and its rewards. And now that you are once more among them, they welcome you back with the emphatic assurance that your old soldiers will never cease to give you love and honor while they have hearts and memories.

Ay, more, they give you a welcome not for the Grand Army alone, but for all who love that country for which they risked their lives, and which their comrades died to save. You know, sir, that our organization is maintained not to perpetuate our enmities, but to commemorate our devotedness; not to recall our defeat of those who opposed us, but to keep fresh in mind the preservation of that national unity which is for the good of our whole people. In the name, then, of your own Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of every lover of the Grand Republic itself, I proffer to you the hand of welcome; and in doing this I pray most earnestly and reverently, May God bless you, General Grant!

General Grant, after waiting for cheers that succeeded cheers, and shouts of welcome that kept him standing and bowing his acknowl-



edgments for many moments, to subside, replied to the address of welcome, making one of the longest speeches he ever made, as follows :—

*Give me Heart and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:* It is a matter of very deep regret with me that I had not thought of something or prepared something to say in response to the welcome which I am receiving here at your hands this evening, but really, since my arrival here, I have not had the time, and before that I scarcely thought of it. But I can say to you all that while in the two years and seven months since I left this city to make a circuit of the globe I have visited every capital in Europe and most of the Eastern nations, but there has not been a country which I have visited in that circuit where I have not found some of our members. In crossing our own land from the Pacific to the Atlantic side, there is scarcely a new settlement, a cattle range, or collection of pioneers, that they are not composed almost entirely of veterans of the late war. It calls to my mind the fact that while wars are to be deplored, and unjust wars always to be avoided, yet they are not unmixed evils. The boy who is brought up at his country home, or his village home, or his city home, without any exciting cause, is apt to remain there and follow the pursuit of his parent, and not develop beyond it, and in the majority of cases, not come up to it. But being carried away in the great struggle, and particularly one where so much principle is involved as in our late conflict, it brings to his view a wider field than he contemplated at his home, and although in his field service he longs for the home he left behind him, yet when he gets there he finds that disappointment, and has struck out for new fields, and has developed the vast domains which are given to us for our keeping—for the thousands of liberty seeking people. The ex-soldier has become the pioneer, not only of our own land but has extended our commerce and trade and knowledge of us and our institutions to all other lands, and when brighter days dawn upon other nations, particularly those nations of the East, America will step in for her share of the trade, which will be opened, and through the exertions of the ex-soldier, the comrade, veterans, and I may say members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades, having been compelled, as often as I have been since my arrival in San Francisco, to utter a few words not only to ex-soldiers but to all other classes of citizens of our great country, and always speaking without any preparation, I have necessarily been obliged to repeat, possibly not in the same words, but the same ideas. But one thing I want to impress is that we have a country to be proud of, to fight for and die for if necessary. While many of the countries of Europe give practical protection and freedom to the citizens, yet there is no European country that compares in its resources, particularly its undeveloped resources, with our own. There is no country where the young and energetic man can, by his own labor and his own industry, ingenuity and frugality, acquire competency as he can in America.

A trip abroad and a study of the institutions and difficulties of a poor man making his way in the world is all that is necessary to make us better and happier citizens with our lot here.

Comrades, I thank you for the very cordial welcome you have given me, and I regret that I have not been prepared to say better what I would like to say to you.





From the Philadelphia *Public Ledger* of December 10th, we extract the following from their report of this monster entertainment to welcome our comrade, U. S. Grant :—

As the Camp Fire was designed to be one of the chief features of General Grant's visit everything appertaining thereto was arranged upon an elaborate scale, and great preparations were made for the street pageant, or rather the escort of honor to the distinguished guest from his quarters at the Continental Hotel to the Academy of Music. George G. Meade Post, No. 1, of which General Grant is a member, was accorded the post of honor as the General's bodyguard, and a delegation, consisting of five members from each local Post, made up the complement of the escort. Shortly after half-past six the line began to form in front of the Department Head-Quarters, at Eleventh and Chestnut streets. The members of Meade Post wore the regulation Grand Army uniform, with the addition of the military overcoat of light blue with red lined capes, fastened back over the shoulder. The Post was under the command of Senior Vice-Commander A. J. Sellers, while the Post Commander, Captain L. D. C. Tyler, was in command of the entire escort. Thirty old battle flags were carried in line, Meade Post alone, which numbered two hundred men, showing fourteen of the tattered standards. A few minutes before 7 o'clock the order of march was given, and preceded by the First Regiment Band and Drum Corps, the escorting body marched to the Continental Hotel, where they countermarched in review before General and Mrs. Grant. Here an enlivening and brilliant scene was presented. All the buildings hereabout retained their gay profusion of flags, banners and general decorations. The windows and porches of the Continental Hotel and of the Girard House were literally alive with lookers on, and the streets and sidewalks were jammed with people. On the top of the Wanamaker arch many colored lights were burning brightly, reflecting their brilliancy on the uniforms of the soldiers and the banners carried in line. A barouche with four gray horses stood at the entrance of the hotel, both the driver and footman being members of one of the Posts of the G. A. R. While waiting for the honored guest to appear the crowd frequently evinced its enthusiasm by loud cheering and other noisy demonstrations. At twenty minutes before eight o'clock General Grant left the hotel and was escorted to his carriage by Comrade E. De C. Loud. His appearance was the signal for renewed cheering, and the crowd became so demonstrative and so clamorous for a near view of the General, that the efforts of the Reserve force had to be called into requisition. The General, with bared head, bowed his acknowledgments for several moments and was then driven to his place in the line, his Excellency Governor Hoyt, and Comrades Loud and Kester, occupying seats in the carriage with him. Following came another carriage, in which were seated Adjutant-General Latta and Colonels J. D. Walker and E. A. Hancock, of the Governor's staff. A number of the battle-flags were clustered about the carriages, and the Post delegations with the remainder of the colors brought up the rear of the line. A detachment of Reserves, all of them members of the G. A. R., and wearing its badge on their breasts, under Chief Given, marched at the head of the procession, opening a way through the dense mass of people.



The route lay out Chestnut street to Broad and thence to the Academy. Many houses on the way were brilliantly illuminated, greatly enhancing the effect of the decorations, and a large number of colored lights were carried in the line, making the streets almost as bright as day. As the carriage containing General Grant passed the Union Republican Club the General was greeted with loud bursts of cheers. It was much the same thing at the Union League, the steps, windows and porches of which were crowded. The General and guests were escorted to the stage entrance on Locust street and were inside the building before the crowd had time to collect.

Inside the Academy of Music every seat was occupied long before the arrival of the hour at which the exercises of the evening were to commence, and on all sides the utmost good humor and jollity prevailed. Two buglers stationed in the dress circle elicited frequent bursts of applause as they rang out old familiar campcalls, and when "Come get your spurs" came clear and loud, the boys in blue cheered again and again. The boxes rapidly filled with the invited guests. Mrs. Grant, accompanied by Mrs. George W. Childs and Mrs. Philip H. Sheridan, entering the lower one on the right hand side of the stage. The gentlemen of the party consisted of Mr. George W. Childs, U. S. Grant, Jr., and Rev. Dr. O. H. Tiffany. In the left hand box sat the Presidents of Select and Common Councils and other members of the City Government. The upper boxes contained the City Councils, Committee on Reception, and the families of the members of the Posts. The boxes were all handsomely decorated with the National flags and bunting, regimental colors and evergreens, with banners representing the Second, Fifth, Sixth and Eleventh Army Corps badges.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Meade Post, No. 1, and the other members of the escort slowly filed into the orchestra seats, their appearance denoting the arrival of Comrade U. S. Grant, the honored guest of the evening, and the band struck up with a potpourri beginning with the "Battle Cry of Freedom" and ending with "The Star Spangled Banner." The music paved the way with enthusiasm which it created, for the cheering which greeted the beautiful scene on the stage as the curtain rolled up. Set with a forest scene, on either side of the front of the stage were placed 10-pound Parrott guns, against each was a United States regimental flag, and flanked by stacks of muskets, from which hung drums. Hanging from the flies was a large G. A. R. badge. On the left was a fac-simile of the cabin occupied as the headquarters of the army by General Grant at City Point. Three cheers greeted the arrival of nearly forty old bullet-riddled and torn war flags, after which the Flute and Drum Corps of Post No. 2 rattled the reveille in true old style. As the last tap was heard 4,000 veterans of the war raised in their seats as one man and welcomed their comrade as only old soldiers can. Leaning upon the arm of Comrade Loud, of Post 1, came Comrade Grant, followed by Comrade John F. Hartranft and Mayor Stokley and Comrade Henry M. Hoyt and General Robert Patterson. As the distinguished couples advanced to the seats prepared for them the cheering was intensely enthusiastic. Round after round of cheers went up. Caps were waved and Grant, Grant, resounded from all parts of the building, and seemed as though it would never cease, breaking out again and again as the comrade bowed his acknowledgments. Then followed the exercises of the evening.



The enormous increase of membership during this year lifted the Post far up among the most prominent Posts of the Order, and made the year 1879 one of its most successful and eventful years in its history. The following are those who were mustered in during the year:—

ROBT J. YOUNG, SAMUEL D. MILLER, WILLIAM PRIOR, CHAS. W. WEST, WM. WALLACE, GOODWIN, HENRY S. LANSING, JEREMIAH McCARTY, JAS. W. SHERER, EDWIN NELSON, WM. W. WALLACE, JOHN F. CLARK, JACOB EBNER, WM. MCGONIGLE, HUGH KENNEDY, RICHARD ENUCH, JAMES MCCANN, CHAS. F. SIMMONS, JAS. F. CASSIDY, PHILIP J. HOFFER, GER. JOHN L. LUCKENBATH, JOHN W. PRITCHARD, DAVID P. WEAVER, JOHN A. STEVENSON, CHRISTIAN KNEARS, JOS. R. McELROY, WALLACE B. TUGG, ALBERT T. YOUNG, GEO. G. PIERRIE, PETER D. KENNER, GEO. P. WORD, RUSSET STEWART, WALTER SOUTT, JOHN W. WARD, FRANK GLADING, THOS. F. G. COOPER, ELLIS STOKES, EDWIN B. WHITAKER, HENRY LEVI, HENRY KEEN, WM. H. TRACY, CHAS. D. HARRIS, A. E. BRADY, CHAS. B. MACNEAL, CHAS. A. HALE, THEO. H. McCALLA, RICH'D T. McCARTER, DAVID L. SEIP, ROBT BLACK, CHAS. L. ATLEE, CORNELIUS C. WIDDIN, LEBURN HARWOOD, JR., SAM'L C. PERKINS, WM. K. MACFERRAN, WM. K. C. LEBURN, THOS. M. MURAN, GEO. W. WEST, JENNER H. HOLMAN, A. M. APPEL, ALEXANDER REED, RICHARD W. MCKNIGHT, WM. J. MACPHERSON, H. D. McLEARN, M. D., JACOB K. SWDYER, WM. W. KER, JACOB P. WOLFE, DAVID S. FOLEY, B. F. SHANTZ, LOUIS E. PFEFFER, HENRY S. SCHELL, M. D., WM. H. GIVEN, HENRY F. BONFIELD, WM. BARTLEY, JOSEPH STEINER, JOS. S. ALBRIGHT, HENRY C. BROOKS, JOHN McOIRMACK, E. J. EDWARDS, ROBERT PANDHALL, JOHN SHALLORTS, PRYER C. WILLIAMS, WILLIAM H. NAGLE, EUGENE ALLMAN, PETER N. KRIDER, GEO. W. DALLY, HORACE M. MARQUET, ISAAC W. RANCK (re-elected), WM. P. PARKER, A. J. WHITTIER, LEWIS W. MOORE, ARTHUR M. GREEN, E. F. GENTNER, JOHN CONNELLY, L. E. C. MOORE, ROBERT S. WHARTON, M. D., JAS. M. BENNETT, JAMES T. STEWART, WM. A. BACKUS, CHAS. C. LISTER, HENRY BLAIR, GEO. W. SMITH, HORACE EVANS (re-elected), PENNOCK HUEY, CHAS. F. FOLGER, SAMUEL BELL, E. W. MATTHEWS, PETER B. YODER, R. DALE BENSON, EDWIN N. BENSON, GABRIEL MIDDLETON, ALBERT W. TAYLOR, HENRY C. ELLIN, JOHN L. HAMMER, H. H. WEIERBACH, A. V. HARTLEBAN, D. D. S., GEO. STEVENSON, EDWIN H. NEVINS, JAMES C. WILSON, PAUL H. BARNES.

On the evening of January 5th the officers elect were duly installed by Comrade Chas. F. Kennedy, Past Commander of Post No. 2, and, being conducted to their respective stations, the Post was turned over to Commander Sellers, who thanked the installing officer for the efficient manner in which he discharged his duties, and the comrades of the Post for the honor conferred on him in electing him Commander, and called upon the Adjutant to read the following orders:—



ALFRED J. SELLERS

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Captain, Co. B, 19th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, April 18, 1861

And as Major, 90th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, September 3, 1861

Final muster out as Major, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel U. S. Volunteers, October 31, 1865

Wounded in foot at South Mountain, Md., September 14, 1862

Wounded in leg at Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, June 28, 1876

Elected Junior Vice-Commander, December 17, 1877

Elected Senior Vice-Commander, December 2, 1878

Elected Commander, December 1, 1879

National A. O. U., 1881

Elected member of Department Council of Administration, 1882

Elected Department Senior Vice-Commander, January 31, 1883

Elected Delegate to National Encampment, 1884; re-elected 1885, 1886

## General Order, No. 1.

PHILADELPHIA, January 5, 1880.

I. The undersigned having been elected Commander for the present year, hereby assumes command, and announces headquarters at S. E. Cor. Eleventh and Chestnut streets. All communications should be addressed to No. 921 Green street.

II. The following comrades were also elected officers of the Post :—

THOS. J. ASHTON	- - - -	Senior Vice-Commander.
COLIN M. BEALE	- - - -	Junior Vice-Commander.
CHAS. L. ATLEE	- - - -	Quartermaster.
JAMES COLLINS, M.D.,	- - - -	Surgeon.
HALSEY J. TIBBALS	- - - -	Chaplain.
CHAS. A. HALE	- - - -	Officer-of-the-Day.
EDWIN NELSON	- - - -	Officer-of-the-Guard.

III. The following duly elected comrades constitute the Council of Administration :—

E. DE C. LOUD, <i>Chairman</i> ,	-	Term expires	December, 1880.
WM. J. SIMPSON	-	"	" 1881.
ROBERT H. FORD	-	"	" 1882.
W. RUSSELL SMITH	-	"	" 1883.
CHAS. W. WEST	-	"	" 1884.

IV. Past Post Commander Jos. R. C. Ward is hereby appointed Post Adjutant; he will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. In assuming command of the Post, after so successful a year as has just passed, which has brought the Post to its present high position, your Commander asks your hearty co-operation and support, individually and collectively, realizing fully that a concert of action and unanimity of feeling in the proper direction will result in great good, without which our efforts will be fruitless.

We now have a bright future before us; peace and harmony reign supreme, and with the noble precepts of our Order—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty—as our beacon light, we can safely ride through the trials and tribulations of life's eventful journey, bestowing good on every hand.

For the high honor you have conferred upon me, coming as it does from so distinguished an organization, upon whose roll are the names of many illustrious soldiers, accept the assurance of my heart felt thanks, trusting that the esteem and confidence reposed in me shall not have been misplaced.

A. J. SEITERS, *Post Commander*.

Also, General Order, No. 2, same date, announced the appointment of Comrade Geo. W. West as Sergeant-Major, and Comrade John W. Ward Quartermaster-Sergeant, Comrade S. W. Arbuckle, Inside Sentinel, and Comrade E. W. Shurtz, Outside Sentinel; also the standing committees for the year.





Comrade E. D. C. Loud then presented the retiring Commander, Comrade L. D. C. Tyler, on behalf of the comrades of the Post, with a handsome gold badge, in recognition of his services as Commander.

Commander Sellers then turned the meeting over to Comrade John W. Ward, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, who presented a programme very interesting to the many ladies and gentlemen present; including instrumental music by an orchestra, solos by Miss Tillie Summers, Mrs. Mills, Mr. Frank Bruner, Mr. Mansfield, Comrade H. S. Thomas, of Post No. 2, and Thomas Kay, of Post No. 7; recitations by Comrade J. Spencer Smith, of Post No. 2, and S. L. Adams, of Post No. 8; and a zither solo by Mr. Chas. Schmidt; thus entertaining our visitors until nearly eleven o'clock.

On January 26th Comrade Wm. J. McPherson was appointed Sergeant-Major, vice Geo. W. West resigned. At the same muster the different committees reported to the Post their organization and the officers they had elected.

During the months of January and February many amendments to the By-Laws were submitted and acted upon, creating, at times, very lively discussions. Among those adopted was one requiring the list of all candidates, with army service and present occupation, to be printed and a copy sent to each comrade of the Post, stating when they would be balloted for; and also one fixing the amount to be paid by suspended and dropped members.

The muster of March 15th was closed after being opened in due form, in order to accept the invitation to pay a fraternal visit to R. M. K. Lee Post, No. 5, Department of N. J., at Camden. The line was formed at 8.25 P. M., and, headed by the Athletic Band, proceeded down



Chestnut to Second, to Market, to ferry, taking the 8.45 P. M. boat. On arriving in Camden the members were met by a committee of Post No. 5 and escorted to their Hall, Fifth and Market streets. After an evening of more than ordinary pleasure, Commander Sellers being called to the chair, and, partaking of a fine collation, we started for the ferry, taking the 11.30 boat for Philadelphia, and were then dismissed for our homes. Sixty-two comrades participated under Commander Sellers.

On April 26th, Post No. 5 returned this visit, bringing 160 comrades under Commander Hartshorne, escorting Department Commander of New Jersey Geo. W. Gile and staff. They were equally well entertained by us, including a collation served on the fourth floor of our headquarters.

At muster of March 26th Commander Sellers gave the comrades a very agreeable surprise when he read the following:—

COMMANDER A. J. SELLERS, G. A. R., M. C. P. T. C. G. A. R.		PHILADELPHIA, March 26, 188.	
<i>Comrades:</i> I beg to contribute—			
To Meade Memorial (as coming from Post 1.	-	\$500 00	
To Permanent Fund, the interest to be used in charity	-	300 00	
To Post 1, G. A. R., for use of the Post	-	200 00	
One Thousand Dollars		-----	
	In all	-	\$1000 00
Yours fraternally,		Comrade EDWIN N. BENSON	

Commander Sellers called upon Senior Vice-Commander Thos. J. Ashton to receive this most generous donation on behalf of the Post. Comrade Ashton responded in a very appropriate manner, returning the thanks of the Post to Comrade Benson, who was present, and Adjutant Ward moved that a special resolution of thanks be properly engrossed and sent Comrade Benson, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.



On April 6th Comrade George S. Duncan died, and was buried on the 9th at Frankford. The Post took full charge of the funeral, bearing the whole expense. A committee of the Post, under Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, accompanied the remains to the cemetery and performed the Grand Army services at the grave.

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**George S. Duncan** was born in Philadelphia, Penna., enlisted as private in Co. C, 61st Reg't Penna. Vols., on September 18, 1861, was discharged January 31, 1862. He was mustered into Co. G, Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Penna., May 8, 1878, and died April 6, 1880, aged sixty-one years. Buried at North Cedar Hill Cemetery, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.

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On May 3d Comrade Louis E. Pfeiffer was appointed Quarter master-sergeant, vice John W. Ward resigned.

At same muster Commander Sellers announced another very liberal donation to the Post from Comrade Edwin N. Benson of one thousand dollars for the Charity Fund, which was also received with a rising vote of thanks.

At same muster Comrade Lansing presented a resolution inviting the Military Order of Loyal Legion to co-operate with the Post in the Meade Memorial services at the Academy of Music on May 26th.

Also one of a vote of thanks to Comrade Joshua L. Chamberlain, of Maine, for his ready acceptance to deliver the oration on that occasion, and directing the Commander to have prepared and present to Comrade Chamberlain a gold Post badge. Both were unanimously adopted; and at muster of May 24th Comrade Chamberlain was elected an honorary member of the Post.

On March 31st the Memorial Day Committee issued a circular urging the comrades to make extra exertions to collect funds for Memo-



rial Day expenses, and another one on April 6th, impressing upon all the necessity of uniforming.

The following were appointed a Special Committee on Divine Service: Jos. R. C. Ward, chairman; Geo. W. Devinny and Louis E. Pfeiffer.

The committee subsequently submitted the following report to the Post, which was accepted, and the committee was discharged with the thanks of the Post:—

Your Committee on Divine Service respectfully submit the following report: That, having received a special invitation to attend divine service at the Central Congregational Church at Eighteenth and Green streets, where the pastor would preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion, your committee accepted the invitation, and so informed the Commander, who issued General Order, No. 6, notifying the comrades and directing them to assemble at the Post Room, for that purpose, on Sunday evening, May 23, 1880, at 7 P.M.

The line was formed and left the Post Room at 7:30 P.M., and proceeded up Eleventh street to Ridge avenue, to Green street, to Eighteenth, to the church, where the comrades occupied seats together in the body of the church.

Rev. James R. Danforth, pastor, preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, and the choir sang hymns suitable to the occasion, closing with the National Hymn, "My Country, 'tis of Thee." At the close of the services the Post was dismissed, and the members were individually introduced to the pastor.

Owing to the rain storm, which commenced about an hour previous to the time to assemble and continued all the evening, but few comrades were present, as follows: Commander Sellers, Senior Vice-Commander Ashton, Adjutant Ward, Quartermaster Atlee, Chaplain Tibbals, Off-Guard Nelson, Past Post Commander Tyler, Comrades W. L. Atlee, Bond, Brooks, Blair, E. N. Benson, Brown, Cook, J. M. Evans, Frazer, Howser, Hotfliger, W. H. Howard, Haeseler, Johnston, Kent, Krider, McKnight, L. W. Moore, J. E. Mann, Paul, I. C. Price, Reed, Simpson, Strobel, W. R. Smith, Super, Simmons, Ellis Stokes, Swoyer, J. T. Stewart, W. W. Wallace, Wood, Wray, and R. J. Young. *ETC.* 41. And Comrade W. K. Rudolph, Post 35.

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Chairman*,  
GEO. W. DEVINNY,  
LOUIS E. PFEIFFER.

The services on Memorial Day were confided to the following committee: Comrade Wm. J. Simpson, chairman; Jos. R. C. Ward, secretary; Geo. Stevenson, treasurer; Geo. Q. White, Jos. P. Elliott, W. L.





Atlee, M. D., Chas. A. Hale, Louis E. Pfeiffer and Henry C. Blair. They were ably assisted by the following special committee: Comrades Colin M. Beale, Jas. T. Stewart, P. J. Hoffliger, Geo. E. Paul, Geo. W. Devining and Albert Super. For an account of the results of their labors and the services of the Post on that day the report of the Adjutant is given in full:—

PHILADELPHIA, June 7, 1880.

ADJUTANT:—Comrades George C. Feltz, Post, Vol. 1, District of Pennsylvania, and J. R. C. [unclear] have the honor to submit the following report of the parade of the Post on Memorial Day, Saturday, May 29, 1880. Pursuant to General Orders Nos. 7 and 8 in these headquarters, the comrades assembled at the [unclear] in full company uniform, on Saturday, May 29, 1880, at 9 A. M.; the line was formed at 9:45 A. M., with [unclear] Senior Vice-Commander Thomas J. Ashton commanding the first company, assisted by Comrades C. L. Beale and W. Russell Smith; Officer of the Guard Edwin Nelson commanding the second company, assisted by Comrades P. H. Jacobs and John D. Kise; and Junior Vice-Commander Colin M. Beale commanding the third company, assisted by Comrades John A. Stevenson and John T. Durang. Comrades David P. Weaver, John W. Ward, Jr., and Jas. C. Wray were detailed to assist the commander, Comrade Henry Keen as Post bugler, and Comrade Jacob K. Swoyer to carry Post flag.

Left headquarters at 10 o'clock, and proceeded down Eleventh to Walnut, to Thirteenth, to Locust, to Broad, to Chestnut, stopping at St. George's Hotel to receive our guests, among whom were Hon. Wm. N. Ashman, Gen. W. T. Sherman, and Comrade Silas W. Pettit, orators; Comrade H. Clay Trumbull, chaplain; and Generals E. M. Poe, Stewart L. Woodford and Thomas Kilby Smith, guests; continuing down Chestnut to Fifth, to Market, to Eighth, to Willow, where we took the cars of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad to Fairmount Park.

The formation of the line being as follows:

Detachment of Reserve Officers, Lieutenant Crout commanding; Committee on Decoration Day; Comrade Wm. J. Simpson, chairman; Ringgold Band, of Reading, Pa. (26 pieces); Post Flag, Post Bugler; Commander and Adjutant; Officers of the Post and Past Post Commanders; Post, marching in sections of eights, divided into three companies, officered as above stated, the centre company carrying the colors of the late Twenty-eighth, Fifty sixth, and Ninety-fifth Regiments Penn. Vol., Brigade Headquarters flags of the First Brigade, First Division, First Corps; Third Brigade, Third Division, Fifth Corps; and Third Brigade, Second Division, Fifth Corps; and the regimental guidons of the Fifty-sixth Regiment Penn. Vol.

Following the Post was a large express-wagon, drawn by four large gray horses (kindly loaned by the Philadelphia and Reading Express Company), containing a large monument of natural flowers, surmounted



by a large eagle of immortelles, the base and column of the monument made up of two hundred and fifty bouquets,—the whole being about eleven feet high.

Then followed carriages containing orators, invited guests, reporters, and Comrades of the Post unable to march.

Arriving at Fairmount Park, left the cars, and marched to the steambat landing, and embarked on the steamer Lafayette, chartered especially for use of the Post, and proceeded to Laurel Hill; a number of the comrades met us on the boat, together with the Choristers of the St. Mark's P. E. Church. Arriving at Laurel Hill the line was re-formed, and marched through the cemeteries to the chapel in North Laurel Hill, the choristers, led by Professor F. W. Mills, organist and choir master, singing a processional hymn, accompanied by the band. After the services at the chapel, as per programme, the Post marched off in details and decorated all the graves of deceased soldiers and sailors of the war buried in North, Middle and South Laurel Hill cemeteries, returning to General Meade's grave, where the concluding services were held; after which returned to the boat, the Choristers singing a recessional hymn. As the boat steamed slowly down the river, the members of the Post and guests partook of a lunch prepared by the committee.

Arriving at Fairmount Park the line was re-formed and marched to Lincoln Monument, forming a hollow square around it; the services, as arranged, were held; then marched through the Park to Green street, to Sixteenth, to Fairmount avenue, countermarching to Green street, paying the tribute of a marching salute to Comrade Robert H. Ford, of this Post, confined to his room with paralysis; thence to Broad street, to Chestnut, passing through the Public Buildings, to Eleventh, to headquarters, and dismissed to re-assemble at the Academy of Music at 7.45 P. M.

The following comrades participating: Commander A. J. Sellers, Senior Vice-Commander Thomas J. Ashton, Junior Vice-Commander Colin M. Beale, Adjutant Jos. R. C. Ward, Quartermaster Charles L. Atlee, Chaplain Halsey J. Tibbals, Officer-of-the-Day Charles A. Hale, Officer-of-the-Guard Edwin Nelson, Sergeant-Major James T. Stewart, Quartermaster-Sergeant L. E. Pfeiffer, Past Post Commanders Geo. W. Devinny, R. W. P. Allen and L. D. C. Tyler, Comrades Atkinson, S. W. Arduckle, Appel, Allman, W. L. Atlee, C. E. Beale, Bond, Blair, Colbourn, Cook, W. G. Cooper, Colton, Dunsford, Dobleman, J. E. Davis, Durang, Dally, Edwards, Frazier, Folger, Goodwin, Glading, Hewes, Hutchinson, Howser, Hoffiger, D. W. Howard, W. H. Howard, Hamberg, Hough, Haury, Haeseler, James, Jacobus, Kise, H. Keen, Krider, C. W. Keen, Leidig, Munder, Macferran, Moran, McKnight, Marquet, L. W. Moore, Mitchell, J. E. Mann, Pettit, Paul, Prior, Perkins, Pauley, Rorer, Reed, Runkle, Simpson, Strobel, Swaisfort, W. R. Smith, Super, J. Scott, Shurtz, Simmons, J. A. Stevenson, R. Stewart, E. Stokes, Swoyer, Shantz, G. Stevenson, J. F. Stokes, Trumbull, Vodges, W. H. H. Wallace, Wheeler, White, W. W. Wallace, Weaver, J. W. Ward, Whitaker, Wolfe, Wilson, Wray, R. J. Young and Yober. Total, 79.

Met the Post *en route* at cemetery, not uniformed:—

Comrades E. N. Benson, P. H. Barnes, H. A. B. Brown, F. C. Benson, J. P. Elliot, S. B. Huey, J. William Hofmann, H. Levi and J. A. Laws. Total, 9.



On duty receiving guests :—

Comrades H. E. Lansing, chairman, H. H. Langham, R. Due Benson, P. D. Kever, C. C. Knight, B. W. Richards, and James Starr. Total, 7.

Making a total number of one hundred and thirteen (113) participants with the Post during the day.

Post re-assembled at the Academy of Music at 7:45 P. M., and escorted orators and invited guests to the stage; was then dismissed.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Vicepost.*

The services at the cemetery were as usual in two parts, first at the chapel, when, after prayer by the Post Chaplain, Halsey J. Tibbals, Hon. William N. Ashman, Judge of the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia, delivered the oration, which was listened to with rapt attention.

The choristers of St. Mark's P. E. Church then sang the Decoration Hymn—

“Blest be the ground where our braves are at rest.”

After this followed an address by Commander Sellers. The comrades of the Post were then sent in details to North, Middle, and South Laurel Hill Cemeteries to decorate the graves of all deceased soldiers. As soon as their labor of love was completed, they reassembled at the call of the bugle and proceeded to the grave of General Meade, where, after a short address by the Chairman of the Committee, Comrade Wm. J. Simpson, and a prayer by Past Post Chaplain Rev. H. Clay Trumbull, General W. T. Sherman was introduced and addressed the comrades as follows :—

*Comrades and Friends.*—Assembled as we are to-day, in this most beautiful of all ceremonies, decorating the graves of fallen comrades with fresh flowers, tokens of undying love, and standing by the grave of General George Gordon Meade, my individual thoughts naturally revert to that period of his life “when wild war’s deadly blast was blown, and gentle peace retiring,” he came to live in your midst, a citizen and a commissioner of your beautiful park, of which this cemetery forms a part. Many a time he drove me about this park, and up the lovely Wissahickon; and I am sure that, had he chosen the place for his eternal rest, it would have been at this very spot, overlooking the Schuylkill, and near those he loved so well. He



now sleeps well, and loving hearts come annually to pay tribute to his memory. He was a glorious soldier, a gallant gentleman, a loving father, a faithful friend, and a patriotic citizen. His grave is a fitting shrine for us all, old and young, to come to annually, not to add to his fame and glory, but to dedicate anew what is left to us of life to the service of our common country.

Trained as a soldier, his temperament was too active for the duties of a subaltern, and he was engaged the greater part of his life in engineering, and in surveying our coast from Florida to the Great Lakes of the North, with which his name will long be associated. But the moment the country was aroused by the first shot of the civil war, he sprang to arms, knowing that war, and war alone, could determine such a controversy. Beginning with a regiment he soon had a brigade, a division; and at the very crisis of the war he was a corps commander, and on the eve of one of the greatest battles of the world was ordered to command in chief the vast Army of the Potomac, then in motion to defend the State of Pennsylvania against an army, ably commanded, and moved by the powerful impulse of success. With the battle of Gettysburg Meade's name and fame will ever be associated; and his victory on that field alone entitles his name to be enrolled in the list of the great generals of the world. But here on this lovely spot, in this bright sunshine, we naturally turn from the hero to contemplate the virtues of the man. General Meade was essentially a man of a social nature, kind, generous and manly, doing that which he was appointed to do thoroughly and well, and ever returning to his family and circle of friends to share the simpler and finer joys of life. Though he was comparatively young, and his death sudden and unexpected, yet he had accomplished all that man should expect on this earth, and bequeathed to his family a rich legacy in public fame, in private virtue, and in the abundance of affection by friends and neighbors.

As, year after year, crowds gather round this sacred spot, they will be reminded that although the frail tenement which encloses a life is mortal, that human virtue, that courage and ability to do life's work firmly, and well, are more enduring than marble or bronze. We now lay our floral tribute upon the grave of our friend and comrade, George Gordon Meade, and leave to your honored fraternity the completion of the beautiful ceremony of the day.

General Sherman then placed upon General Meade's grave a large and beautiful floral design presented to him on his way to the cemetery by a pretty little three-year-old girl, who was lifted up to the carriage window that she might see the great soldier. The General took her in his arms and kissed her for her tribute.

Then followed the decorating of the grave of General Meade, with the regular Grand Army service, by Comrades J. William Hofmann, C.





M. Beale, Thos. J. Ashton, and Chaplain H. J. Tibbals. The services closed with the benediction.

Reassembling, the Post proceeded to the boat landing, thence by boat to Fairmount Park, and re-formed and marched to the Lincoln Monument, where the usual services were held, including anthem by the choristers, music by the band, and address by Comrade Silas W. Pettit.

The Post, after making a little detour in order to pass the residence of Comrade Robert H. Ford, who was confined to the house from a stroke of paralysis and unable to attend the services, returned to headquarters and was dismissed, to reassemble early in the evening to take part in the Meade Memorial Services at the Academy of Music, in aid of the Meade Monument.

The officers of the meeting, orators and speakers, and invited guests, assembled in the Green Room. The members of the Post, in full uniform, formed on the stage, which was set in a wood scene, with camp in rear, tents pitched, muskets stacked, drums, knapsacks, and other paraphernalia of soldier's life scattered loosely around. At the front of the stage seats were arranged for officers, speakers and guests. Above the centre of the stage was suspended a large oil painting of General Meade, life-size, kindly loaned by the Union League of Philadelphia, bearing the simple inscription, "Gettysburg."

At quarter past eight the Ringgold Band, of Reading, Pa., struck up the grand march; the Post presented arms as the guests, headed by Hon. Henry M. Hoyt, Governor of Pennsylvania, who had been selected as the presiding officer, escorted by Comrade William J. Simpson, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, followed by President



of the United States Rutherford B. Hayes, Secretary of War Alexander Ramsey, Attorney General Charles Devens, other Cabinet officers, Members of Congress, Generals W. T. Sherman, W. S. Hancock, C. C. Auger, E. M. Poe, D. H. Rucker, Stewart L. Woodford, John F. Hartman, Macomb, Department Commander Chill. W. Hazard, Judges of the courts, city officials, the Vice-Presidents of the meeting, selected from the prominent business men and citizens of Philadelphia, and a number of prominent officers of the late war, entered at the upper end and passed down to the front and took seats assigned them, the audience rising, waving their handkerchiefs and loudly applauding, as the familiar faces appeared. The Post was then dismissed, and the members took seats in the auditorium with their families and friends.

The services began by Comrade Wm. J. Simpson, chairman of the committee, introducing the Governor of Pennsylvania, Henry M. Hoyt, who had been selected as the presiding officer. After a short address Gov. Hoyt introduced Past Post Chaplain Rev. H. Clay Trumbull, who offered prayer.

The orator, General Joshua L. Chamberlain, Ex Governor of Maine, was then presented, and delivered an eloquent oration. When he had finished, Commander A. J. Sellers stepped to the front, and in a few appropriate remarks presented Comrade Chamberlain with a handsome gold Post No. 1 badge on behalf of the Post, and informed him that he was elected an honorary member of the Post.

Mr. F. De Haes Janvier recited a dramatic poem, of his own composition, entitled "A Soldier's Prayer," founded upon an incident of a picture of three little children being found in the hand of a dead soldier on the battlefield of Gettysburg. This was followed by a soprano solo



by Miss Tillie D. Summers, in her usual sweet, effective manner, winning hearty applause, necessitating an encore.

His Excellency, the President of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, was then presented and was met with a storm of applause : when it ceased he said :—

*Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen*—I thank the comrades of this Post of the Grand Army for the opportunity they have given me to take part in this meeting in aid of the fund for the erection of a monument in honor of General Meade. The other great commanders of the Union armies who have passed away have been remembered by their comrades and fellow citizens, and their monuments may be seen in the beautiful parks of the national capital. You will see there the monument of that noble model old soldier, the veteran of three wars,—a monument that fitly commemorates the services and achievements of General Scott. You will see there a monument to the rock of Chickamauga, General Thomas. You will see there also a monument to that gallant son of my own State and county, the lovable and beloved General McPherson. But as yet, Pennsylvanians, Philadelphians, no suitable memorial of General Meade has been built. This meeting, as I understand, is to do something to correct that. And surely there are reasons enough why a monument should be built in honor of General Meade. I do not wish to repeat what has been far better said than I can say it in the eloquent address to which we have just listened, and yet you will, perhaps, bear with me while I try to emphasize two or three points in relation to General Meade.

He commanded, at the very crisis of the war, that great army which we are accustomed to hear, and glad to hear, spoken of as “the grand old Army of the Potomac.” He commanded that army at a time when its defeat and destruction meant, humanly speaking, the ruin and the loss of the national cause.

Again, it may be truthfully said of General Meade, that in every station he ever held, from the lowest to the highest, he was always adequate to the duties of his place ; that he was always able, faithful and conscientious, and that he never, under any circumstances, failed to do his whole duty.

General Meade was withal one of the most fortunate of commanders. Under him, and perhaps I may say under him alone, the Army of the Potomac never knew defeat or serious disaster ; and it was his fortune to be its commander in that great decisive battle, that battle which will be of unrivaled interest in our history as long as that history shall be known. If that battle had gone against our cause, the taunt of the hostile Englishman that “the bubble Republic is burst” would have been true. But now Meade’s name and fame and memory are forever safe. They are linked in adamant with Gettysburg, and Gettysburg is linked in adamant with the salvation of the Republic.

When we build a monument to Meade it will require no explanation. No words should be wasted in inscriptions. We shall read upon its ample sides the simple inscription :—

“In memory of George G. Meade, the Commander of the Union Army at Gettysburg.”



General Sherman was next introduced, and, without waiting for the applause to subside, said :—

*General Sherman.*—When I tell you I have performed a full day's work in the reporting of a funeral or decorating graves, and as I have lived in a few words at General Meade's funeral the expression of feelings, thoughts and admiration of that good, great and glorious man, I know you will permit me to close with a very few words, and let them be of a business character, following the example of my Commander-in-chief, the President of the United States. Let us look at this question of General Meade's monument as a business transaction. Supposing Meade had been defeated at Gettysburg, what would have been the condition of Philadelphia? Suppose you owed him the one-hundredth part of that success in Philadelphia, can you count the millions you owe him to-day? Supposing Lee, on the other hand, had slipped between Meade and Baltimore and Washington, what would have been the result then? Meade, instead of being attacked, would have been the attacking party, and his loss would have been enormous, even if he had been successful. Again, when he took command of that army he displayed an amount of self-sacrifice that I am almost safe in saying no other man on this continent would have done—so cheerful, so noble and so well, with decision and patriotism combined. But when he took the command like a man that he was, he won that battle, the fame of which has resounded over the earth; and then, as the President has well said, this nation became firmly established. From that day every man in the United States, whether a Philadelphian or not, owes to General Meade a debt he can never pay, and were you to erect a monument of pure gold you would still be indebted to him. He sleeps well where he is; he asks nothing of you; his family admit that they have been treated kindly by Philadelphians, and they are grateful and his friends are grateful. But it is due to your selves, and you owe this duty to your children, to erect this monument; and when they see his statue in the Park they will emulate his example both in patriotism and courage, and you will then be truly a city of brotherly love, as you are properly named.

General Charles Devens, Attorney-General of the United States, was the next speaker and was enthusiastically received. He said :—

Among the beautiful festivals in which the Catholic Church seeks to impress the truths of religion upon Christian people is the ceremony of All Souls' Day, which is instituted to commemorate and remember all the departed. To-day, comrades, this has been our All Souls' Day, by which we have sought to commemorate together all who have passed away, who in their lifetime did noble service in their country's cause. We have sought to establish by this ceremony our communion through the whole of this broad land, not only by processions, with banners and music from crowded cities, but not the less with the little family that to-day has gone out from some little farm, or to some little churchyard, to commemorate one who was once a beloved brother or dear son. Wherever our brave men lie, whether in the swamps or in the tangled wildwood, or whether they lie in the crowded cemeteries, with monumental marble above them, all are gathered and





all are remembered together to-day. To say of all these men that all were equally brave and were equally self-sacrificing would not be true. In our army were the usual varieties of men; yet, when destructions are made, history will attest that no army was ever gathered together more resolute in its struggles, more constant in its disasters, or more generous and forgiving in its victories. I would fain believe these men have not passed away without aspirations worthy of the noble cause in which they rendered up their lives. And now, comrades and friends, it is most meet and proper that such a day should conclude with such a meeting as this, which seeks to reinforce a spirit which is to result in an appropriate memorial to General Meade. In honoring the generals of our armies we honor the men who served under them. No man can have a higher regard than I for General Meade, for I believe I was honored with his regard and friendship. Yet, as I remember him in this monument, I desire to remember with him all the brave men who, at Gettysburg and other great fields of the war, stood side by side with him. We can only remember our soldiers by remembering those who led them. The fame of the officers and soldiers of the army cannot be divided. If those lips of General Meade, which are sealed in death now, could speak, sure I am he would say, "Erect no monument to me that does not commemorate alike all the brave men who have stood by my side." You cannot divorce the fame of Sherman from the bronzed and bearded veteran that carried his musket with him over half the continent,—he would not let you do it if you could; and you cannot divide the fame of Grant from that of every soldier who formed one in that glittering wall of steel with which he environed and encompassed Lee. When you rear this monument you will rear it in remembrance of the great chief whose image it will bear, but you will rear it also for a tender remembrance of every brave soldier who was by his side. This great field of Gettysburg, as the President has well suggested, is one whose reminiscences are peculiarly dear and tender in the State of Pennsylvania. It was the culminating point of the war. Great as the interest in this battle is to the whole country, it is of peculiar interest to you of Pennsylvania. It was fought, as General Sherman has said, for the possession of your political capital, Harrisburg, and your great commercial capital, in which I have now the honor to stand. Who is it, then, that can say that one or both might not have fallen if victory had been otherwise? And now, friends, I trust that this monument, with its remembrances, will be reared, and reared soon, for it seems to me that it is a duty which has been almost too long delayed; and when it is done, whether it shall stand in these streets, where he walked, or whether in that park which he loved to visit, wherever it shall stand it shall be a monument to patriotism, to liberty, to country, that shall endure long after we have passed away. If, hereafter, there are to be dangers, the monument you will rear shall inspire again to courage, to devotion, and to patriotism worthy of the deeds that are passed.

The next speaker was General Winfield S. Hancock, Major-General United States Army, and in introducing him Governor Hoyt suggested that the audience rise to be presented to the "Whirlwind of the Army



of the Potomac," a suggestion that was promptly acted upon, and General Hancock received an ovation that appeared to somewhat embarrass him. After bowing his acknowledgments he said:—

I might very well, instead of being considered a guest to night, claim to be one of those assembled here to receive the distinguished persons who surround me; for I am a citizen of your own State, and was born but twenty miles away. Or, as a guest, I might say something appropriate to the occasion; for in my service during the rebellion I was thrown very near to General Meade, having served in the same army with him or under his command during nearly all the period of that strife. I was necessarily at times much with him, and had thereby opportunities of knowing much of his "inner life," and of the "main springs" which moved "affairs" as well; but I did not expect to be called upon to night for any remarks.

I came here understanding that I was not to speak, but that others would say all that was needful on the occasion, and far better than I could do. Without consideration, I could not speak with that care which I think the subject deserves, and I shall not detract from the occasion by crude utterances, especially when so much has been said by others that was appropriate and fitting in every way.

I am satisfied that the monument in which we all feel an interest will be promptly erected, and it will only be necessary, when completed, to inscribe upon it on one side, "Meade," and on the reverse, "Gettysburg."

The last speaker, General Stewart L. Woodford, United States District Attorney of New York, was then introduced by Governor Hoyt, and was received with a round of applause. His brief address, delivered in his stirring, eloquent manner, won for him highest encomiums and continued applause. We regret that we have not been able to procure a copy of General Woodford's address, but as he spoke extempore he had no notes to give us. We can only add that it was a fitting conclusion to such a meeting before such a distinguished audience. Music by the band closed the exercises of the evening. Afterward the guests were sumptuously entertained by the Union League at their Club House Broad and Sansom streets. This was duly appreciated by the Post, and the following letter was sent them:—



HADQUARTERS GEO. G. MEADE POST, NO. 1, DEPT. OF PENNA., G. A. R.,

S. E. COR. ELEVENTH AND CHESTNUT STS.,

PHILADELPHIA, June 3, 1880

WM. E. LILLUTION, Esq., *Secretary Union League of Philad'lphia.*

*Broad and Sansom streets.*

*My dear Sir*—I have the honor to inform you that by the unanimous vote of the Post at a regular muster held on Monday evening, May 31, 1880, that the thanks of George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, are due and are hereby tendered to the "Union League of Philadelphia," for the very handsome, generous and substantial manner in which they entertained the guests of the Post attending the services of the Post at the Academy of Music in aid of the monument to the memory of Pennsylvania's illustrious soldier, General George G. Meade, at their elegant Club House, Broad and Sansom streets, on Saturday evening, May 29, 1880. Asking your acceptance of this slight return for your extreme kindness and generosity,

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully yours,

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Adjutant.*

We take the following from the report of the Meade Memorial Committee as signed and presented by Comrades Geo. Q. White, P. D. Keyser, M. D., Henry H. Bingham and R. Dale Benson :—

The Post has the satisfaction of knowing that there was assembled on the stage of the Academy that evening a body of distinguished men such as seldom have been brought together in the country, outside of the city of Washington.

The net financial results are shown in the report of the Treasurer to be \$274.59. Although the amount is not as large as was anticipated, your committee are confident that the effect of the meeting has been to bring the matter before the public in a manner such as it has never been before. About \$500 has already been received, since the meeting, from different sources, which we are and ought to be, credited with obtaining.

Add to this, the amount subscribed by the members and we have a total of \$870.34 as the amount contributed by this Post.

These services were also the means of the organization of a new Post in this department, viz., Larrimer Post, No. 170, Clearfield, Clearfield Co., Pa., as shown by the following letters of the Department Commander, Chill. W. Hazzard, sent this Post, from which we extract the following :—



"I may also congratulate you on the splendid success of the Academy services, which drew to the support of your effort so many distinguished soldiers and citizens.

"The reflex of the honorable and memorable words spoken from the Academy stage, for and to the Grand Army, rekindles a pride in the hearts of our comrades elsewhere, and prompts others to ask concerning its objects and aims. Good results follow. I am about to muster a Post in Clearfield County, which is organized from the direct results of inquiry awakened by reading the press accounts of your grand meeting on the evening of the 29th ult."

The full proceedings of these services on Memorial Day of this year, including those at the Academy of Music in aid of the Meade monument, and the sermon of Dr. Danforth, preached to the Post on May 23d, were published in book form by Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, then Post Adjutant, by direction of the Post, including copies of all the letters sent and received by the Post in connection with the said services. Copies of the book were sent to all the guests, and from letters acknowledging receipt of same they were greatly appreciated.

The committee collected this year for the expenses of Memorial Day \$940.50, of which Commander Sellers collected the largest amount, \$201.00.

Comrade Joshua L. Chamberlain, of Maine, paid a visit to the Post at the muster of May 31, and was duly received by Senior Vice-Commander Ashton, who was in command, who, in a few appropriate remarks, introduced him to the Post. Comrade Chamberlain made a short address and thanked the Post for the honor conferred upon him in electing him an honorary member. Comrade J. William Hofmann replied and welcomed Comrade Chamberlain, and called up the circumstance that sixteen years ago he was on his right, as at the moment of speaking, each commanding a brigade in front of Petersburg, and



**JAMES COLLINS, M.D.**

**SURGEON GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE**

First Lieutenant, 3d Reg't Penna. Reserves, June 21, 1864

Assistant Adjutant Surgeon, U. S. V., February 10, 1864

First Lieutenant, Surgeon, 1st Forest Guard, August 20, 1865

First Lieutenant, 1st Forest Guard, August 17, 1867

First Lieutenant, 1st Forest Guard, from January 20, 1871 to August 8, 1885

Member of Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, March 13, 1878

Elected Surgeon December 2, 1878; re-elected December 1, 1879



their orders were "to move together." So he was glad to welcome him to our Post. An impromptu reception was then held, each of our comrades being personally introduced to Comrade Chamberlain and shaking hands with him.

At the muster of June 14th, Comrade Wm. H. Lambert, of Post No. 2, was present, and being called upon responded in a very appropriate speech, presenting to the Post as a gift from Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, a large, handsome frame containing the portraits of all the Past Commanders up to that time, and having space for some of those that may follow, the center being a large red velvet diamond representing the corps mark of the First Division of the Third Corps, in which the first Commander and organizer of the Post, Comrade Clayton McMichael, served, and in consideration of that fact, and the services rendered the Post by him, that design was selected by Comrade Ward. Senior Vice-Commander Thomas J. Ashton, in his usual eloquent manner, received it on behalf of the Post, paying a just tribute to the valuable services rendered the Post by Past Commander Ward in many ways and finally his generosity in presenting so useful and handsome a gift, that would become more valuable as the years go by and each space is filled with the likenesses of those whom the Post have honored. The following resolution presented by Comrade J. Davis Duffield was unanimously adopted:—

**Resolved,** That a special vote of thanks of this Post be returned to Adjutant Jos. R. C. Ward for his beautiful contribution to the effects of this Post.

On the evening of June 21st, the muster was brought to an abrupt end by the arrival of Beatty Post, No. 73, of Bristol, Pa. They were first taken to a neighboring restaurant and well entertained by



the Entertainment Committee, and, greatly refreshed, were brought back to the Post room, where Carl Sentz's full band, in their new scarlet uniforms, were waiting to serenade them. A Camp Fire was lit with Commander Garwood, of Post No. 73, in the chair, and the usual remarks from the representatives of both Posts entertained those present—and the band contributed very much by their excellent music. At a late hour the Camp Fire was extinguished and all the guests taken up to the fourth floor and again refreshed with ice cream before they were allowed to depart. This was certainly a very pleasant evening for all who were fortunate enough to have been present and the visitors were profuse in their expressions of gratitude and pleasure.

On August 20th the Post attended the semi-annual encampment of the Department of New Jersey, at Bonaparte Park, Bordentown, N. J. The comrades assembled at headquarters at 8:30 A. M., and shortly after 9, with 31 comrades, headed by the Washington Grays Band, marched to Market street ferry and took boat to Camden, then by special train via Pennsylvania R. R. to Bordentown, arriving there at 11:20. Marched to the Park and took part in the grand review of all the Posts there assembled. They were then assigned tents near the Department Head-Quarters and dismissed. T. M. K. Lee Post, No. 5, Department of New Jersey, kindly furnished subsistence to the members, our numbers being increased with every train. At 2:30 the line was formed for the sham battle, and this Post was assigned the extreme right, supporting Captain Bailey's Independent Battery. Soon after the engagement opened, and for over an hour a continuous fire was kept up by the batteries on shore and responded to by the gunboats in the river. The occasion was such as to bring back to the comrades the



memory of like scenes during the war, and was very realistic. In the evening the Post serenaded the relatives and friends of Comrade Isaac C. Price, who resided in the handsome mansion of the Park formerly occupied by Prince Jerome Bonaparte. At 9:30 o'clock they marched to the depot, but were kept waiting until 11:45 before the train arrived, so that it was 1:30 A. M. when the Post reached Philadelphia. There were 77 comrades who participated with the Post in uniform and 8 not uniformed, making a total of 85, under Commander Sellers.

On Tuesday, September 21st, Comrade Joseph P. Dinan died, and was buried in Cathedral Cemetery. The Post was therefore prevented from attending his funeral, although quite a number of the comrades were present at the house. At the next muster of the Post resolutions appreciative of his faithful services during the war were adopted.

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**Joseph P. Dinan** was born in Ireland, Kingdom of Great Britain. Enlisted as private in Co. I, 10th Reg't Penna. Vols., on the 27th day of April, 1861, afterwards Co. F, 90th Reg't Penna. Vols., September 24, 1861, held the office of Sergeant, and was discharged September 27, 1864. He was mustered in Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, May 24, 1880, and died September 24, 1880, aged 47 years. Buried in Cathedral Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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On Wednesday, September 26th, in compliance with General Orders No. 11, from Post Head-Quarters, the members assembled at Post rooms at 3 P. M. to participate in the obsequies of Major-General A. T. A. Torbet, U. S. A., and headed by the Washington Grays Band marched to the Pennsylvania R. R. station, 32d and Market streets, and at 4 o'clock received the remains with due honors in conjunction with the rest of the escort, consisting of a detachment of the United States Marines, 4th Regiment N. G. of N. J., 2d Regiment N. G. of Penna.,



First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry, and in the above order took up the line of march. Following the above came a caisson of the Keystone Battery, upon which were placed the remains. Then followed the Old Guard of New York, officers of the 9th Regiment, N. G. of N. Y., officers of the late war, carriage containing Major-General Daniel E. Sickles, then Meade Post, No. 1, with 45 comrades, under commander Sellers, and 17 comrades of other Philadelphia Posts, and marched to 32d street, to Chestnut, to Broad, to Walnut, to 21st, to armory of the City Troop, where the column was dismissed. The Post then marched down Chestnut street to headquarters and dismissed.

On Sunday evening, October 10th, Chaplain-in-Chief Rev. Jos. F. Lovering, of Massachusetts, preached a sermon to the Grand Army of the Republic at the Memorial Baptist Church, corner of Broad and Oxford streets. This Post attended with 45 comrades, under Commander Sellers. Comrade Lovering took for his text "God and our Country," and delivered in an earnest manner an eloquent, patriotic and impressive sermon, during which he made some very strong political points that seemed to impress some of the comrades with the fear that he was bringing politics too close into the Grand Army of the Republic, and at the next muster of the Post resolutions were adopted deprecating any such attempts as antagonistic to the principles and prosperity of the Order.

Thursday, October 14th, being set apart this year as Grand Army Day, this Post, in compliance with General Order No. 12, from Commander Sellers, dated October 6th, assembled at their headquarters at 8:30 A. M., and with McClurg's Military Band marched to Main Exhibition Building, Fairmount Park, and established our headquarters





in the German Pavilion. About 2 o'clock the members sat down with their invited guests to a most excellent dinner, served in his usual fine style by Mr. Jacob Weiner. The usual entertainment and speeches followed during the afternoon and evening and the comrades of all the Posts enjoyed another day with their families and friends in that large building.

General Orders No. 9, from National Head-Quarters, dated November 16th, announced the appointment of Comrade Edward De C. Loud, of this Post, as Aid to the Commander-in-Chief.

General Orders No. 15, from Department Head Quarters, dated December 22d, announced the appointment of Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward as assistant mustering officer and detailed him to install the officers of Posts Nos. 2, 51 and 94.

On December 6th the annual election of officers took place and Comrade Thomas J. Ashton was elected Commander.

There was unusual interest taken in this election, owing to a desire of some of the comrades to introduce liquors into the Post rooms upon all occasions. This was opposed by the Council of Administrations, and the Post sustained them by vote. And at this election an effort was made to prevent their re-election, and, at the same time, defeat all the other candidates for the other offices who in any manner sustained the Council in their efforts. This called out the largest vote ever polled in the Post up to that time, 254 votes being polled out of a membership of 325; and the "wets" were so badly beaten as to forever settle the liquor question in the Post, and to eventually break up the "Pickets," as they termed themselves. It was ten minutes after one o'clock when the election was over and the Post closed.



At that same muster Comrade Edwin N. Benson presented a resolution announcing that at the fair of the First Regiment, N. G. of Penna., now being held at Industrial Hall, Broad street, above Vine, was a very handsome stand of colors to be presented to the Grand Army Post receiving the highest number of votes, and inviting all the comrades of this Post to assemble at our headquarters on Friday evening, December 10th, and proceed in a body to the fair and vote on the said stand of colors. The resolution was unanimously adopted, and on that evening ninety-two comrades reported for duty, and, under Commander Sellers, with the Washington Grays' Band, proceeded to the fair. We were met at the entrance by Colonel Theodore E. Weidersheim and staff and escorted all around the building and then dismissed, and soon fell into the hands of the fair and beautiful ladies, who were very assiduous in their efforts to make sales and have chances taken in the many beautiful, ornamental and useful articles; and, after satisfying them in a substantial manner, the comrades devoted themselves to voting and securing votes in our name for the colors; and when the fair closed it was found that our Post had received the highest number of votes, and therefore secured the flags, receiving 824 votes. Silver plates were placed on the staff of each and engraved as follows:—

TROPHY TO  
GEORGE G. MEADE POST, No. 1, G. A. R.,  
FROM FAIR OF FIRST REGIMENT INFANTRY, N. G. OF PA., DECEMBER 18, 1880.  
PRESENTED TO THE FIRST REGIMENT FAIR BY HORTSMAN BROS. & CO.

This was another very successful year for the Post in the increase of membership—in fact, the most successful year since its organization. One hundred and nineteen new members were mustered, the largest number ever admitted in any one year, as follows:—



JAMES CHAMBERS, JOS. P. ELLIOTT, ARTHUR B. COOK, CARL H. SENTZ, JOHN O. FOERING, J. DAVIS DUFFIELD, WM. H. SCHURCH, JAMES M. PAULEY, LEWIS O'NEILL, THEO. W. STAUFFER, WM. H. SNYDER, ALFRED JONES, M.D., THOMAS FAIR, WASHINGTON L. ATLEE, M.D., THEO. BURKHARDT, ISAAC C. PRICE, JAMES A. LAWS, HORACE FRITZ, ISAIAH PRICE, DAN'L W. HOWARD, BENJ. W. RICHARDS, I. M. HAGER, J. FLETCHER CONRAD, WM. W. HOWARD, JAMES D. KEYSER, WM. W. ALLEN, BOWEN M. CAVE, WM. G. COOPER, JOHN H. COLTON, JOHN H. MITCHELL, W. WAYNE VOGDES, M. A. GOLDEN, ANSEL HAMBERG (re-elected), JAMES B. COCHRAN, AMOS L. GARFEL, W. H. UNDERKIFFLER, W. W. H. DAVIS, H. A. B. BROWN, J. IS. F. STOKES, J. WM. HOFMANN, WM. H. TABER, JOHN E. MANN, HORACE B. HOUGH, JAMES C. WRAY, CHAS. B. DEVLIN, ROBERT MCBRIDE, AUGUSTUS B. HAJRY, WM. M. RUNKLE, JAMES S. MURROW, THOMAS P. DILLON, CHAS. W. KEEN, JOHN STORY JENKS, WM. COX, ALBERT S. HAESLER, FRANK C. BENSON, JOSEPH P. DINAN, WM. VAN HOOK, SAM'L HARKNESS, JR., GEO. T. HARVEY, HENRY L. CHAMBERLAIN, HENRY C. BUTCHER, C. STUART PATTERSON, THOS. KILBY SMITH, WILLIAM ARTHUR (re-elected), EMLIN N. CARPENTER, ADOLPH BERCKENHAUER, THOMAS BROWN, CHAS. W. HOUGHTON, M.D., WASHINGTON STOTZ, JAMES W. HAYES, DAVID GORDON, CHAS. W. CARR, JR., E. H. MILES, EDGAR W. EARL, EDMUND A. MARS, CHAS. B. DUNCAN, D. F. NICHOLS, CHAS. BOYER, JOHN W. GARVIN, JOHN CULIN, J. TATNALL LEA, CONRAD KOHLER, C. E. MORGAN, JR., THEO. E. WEIDERSHEIM, THOS. C. STELLWAGEN, M.D., D.D.S., WM. W. LEDYARD, SHREVE ACKLEY, FRED'K V. HOLT, EDWIN W. REED, JOHN T. BIRD, CHARLES A. ABEL, WHITWELL W. COXE, EDWARD K. PARIS, JAMES E. AUDENRIED, CHARLES H. HEATH, WILLIAM T. LADNER, JAMES H. JACOBY, G. HARRY DAVIS, THOS. E. HUFFINGTON, WENDELL P. BOWMAN, H. L. TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON M. WORRALL, OLIVER P. REX, M.D., JAMES THOMPSON, BENJ. B. WILSON, M.D., CLEMENT R. SEE, DAVID C. SMITH, GEORGE F. SMITH, REV. CLARION H. KIMBALL, WM. H. BROWN, THOMAS MASSEY, F.V. HAYDEN, JOHN C. SOBY, ANDREW J. SLACK, MARTIN A. POWER, JOSEPH MILES, H. L. REINHOLD, WM. G. MATTHEWS, D.D.S., JOHN BRADFORD.

This was also the most successful year since the organization of the Post from a financial standpoint, a total amount of \$6,243.44 being received from all sources.

The muster of Monday, January 3, 1881, was the night of installation of the officers of this Post, by Past Department Commander O. C. Bosbyshell, of Post No. 2, but, upon opening of the Post, Commander Sellers announced that the officers would be installed by Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, he having been detailed by Comrade Bosbyshell, who was prevented by sickness from attending in person. Comrade Ward took charge of the Post and duly installed the following officers:—



THOMAS J. ASHTON.

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST NO ONE

Entered the service as First Lieutenant Co. A, 71st Reg't Penna. Volunteers, January 23, 1862.

Final muster out as Captain Co. B, 44th Reg't Penna. Volunteer Militia, August 27, 1863.

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, September 12, 1877.

Elected Junior Vice-Commander December 2, 1878.

Elected Senior Vice-Commander December 1, 1879.

Elected Commander December 6, 1880.

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DIED FEBRUARY 22ND, 1882.

BURIED AT MOUNT PEACE CEMETERY, PHILADELPHIA PA

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Commander	EDWARD A. ASHTON
Senior Vice-Commander	WILLIAM T. SELLERS
Junior Vice-Commander	JAMES C. WRAY
Adjutant	DAVID P. WEAVER
Quartermaster	CHARLES A. AVELL
Surgeon	WASHINGTON L. AVITT, M.D.
Chaplain	HARVEY L. THOMAS
Officer of the Day	JAMES L. STEWART
Officer of the Guard	CHARLES A. AVELL
Sergeant-Major	FREDERICK A. HOFF

Comrade Ward then turned the Post over to Commander Ashton, and, in a few appropriate remarks, presented the retiring Commander, A. J. Sellers, with his commission as Aid de Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Louis Wagner.

Comrade Chas. C. Lister then took the floor, and, in a short but eloquent speech, presented Past Commander Sellers with a very handsome gold badge, in consideration of the valuable services rendered the Post during his term of office just closed, as a token of esteem from the comrades of the Post. Past Commander Sellers received the same, returning his thanks to the Post for their handsome present, and to Comrade Lister for the kind words in which he had presented the gift. Commander Ashton then directed the Adjutant to publish the orders.

General Order, No. 1, dated January 3d, was then read, announcing the officers elected and appointed; and, in addition to those installed, were the following:—

#### CO-NCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Comrade GEORGE FAULT,	Term expiring December, 1882
“ W. K. SELLERS,	“ “ “ 1883
“ GEORGE C. WILSON,	“ “ “ 1884
“ ALBERT E. SELLERS,	“ “ “ 1885

Also, Quartermaster Sergeant, Louis E. Pfeiffer; Inside Sentinel, Sam'l W. Arnbuckle; Outside Sentinel, Elmer E. Mann; Post collector, Philip J. Henniger; Bugler, Henry Keen, and closed with the following:—





"The Commander thanks the comrades for the high honor conferred on him by electing him Commander of Post 1, and assures them that he will endeavor to perform the duties of the office in such a manner as to deserve their confidence and respect. He congratulates the comrades on the extraordinary prosperity of the Post, and asks for their hearty and united action in the effort to place Post 1 in the forefront of the Grand Army of the Republic."

The Post was then turned over to the Entertainment Committee, Comrade John A. Stevenson, chairman, who furnished a very pleasing programme of a musical and literary character, which was well enjoyed by the large audience present, especially the recitation by Miss Julia Tibbals and the singing of Mr. Frank Brunner.

At the next muster the annual report of Adjutant Jos. R. C. Ward for the term ending December 31, 1880, was presented and read, and listened to with great interest. Upon its conclusion Comrade John A. Stevenson moved that the report be received and carefully filed, with our hearty appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Adjutant Ward.

Commander Ashton, before putting the motion, spoke at length in its favor, eulogizing the services of the late Adjutant, and the valuable information contained in the report; thanking Comrade Ward for the care and labor displayed in its preparation and the great interest he has always shown in behalf of the Post.

The motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The following is the report:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 31, 1880.

Com. A. J. SELLERS, *Commander*; *Geo. G. Ward*, *Post On*; *Dept. of Penna.*, *G. A. R.*

*Commander*.:—I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report, as Adjutant, for the year ending December 31, 1880.

When I accepted, at your hands, one year ago, the appointment of Adjutant, I did so reluctantly and with many misgivings that our association and intercourse would not be harmonious after so long a period of defiant opposition, and it is therefore a source of extreme pleasure to me, at the close of our official terms



or other, to thus publicly announce in my annual report that everything has been pleasant in our intercourse with each other, and the friendship and confidence that should exist between two officers so closely allied has been all that either could desire, and has remained unbroken, to the great benefit of the Post.

I congratulate you on the successful termination of your term of office as Commander of this Post during one of the most successful years of its history, as will be seen by the following facts which are hereby submitted.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Since the reorganization of the Post, September 30, 1869, which then left a membership of 27, there have been 418 members proposed; of these, 8 did not sign their applications and their names were dropped. 9 were withdrawn, including 4 during the past year; 2 were proposed twice; 6 were not eligible, three of whom have since become eligible and have been mustered into this Post; 5 were rejected, including 2 during the past year, and 13 in the hands of the Committee, who have failed to report, including 6 during the past year; leaving 375 who were elected members of the Post; of these, 2 joined another Post after being elected, the election of 1 was reconsidered, and 22 have failed to report for muster, including 6 during the past year; leaving 350 who were mustered comrades of this Post, or a total of 377 as per Descriptive Book, including 119 during the past year.

Of the comrades mustered, Comrade A. J. Sellers proposed 60; Jos. R. C. Ward, 35; Jno. C. Dobleman, 24; Edw. C. Ford, 15; K. W. P. Allen and Geo. W. Deane, 14 each; Geo. Q. White, 13; Thos. J. Ashton, 12; Theo. Leidig, 11; E. N. Benson and G. E. Paul, 6 each; C. I. Wickersham, 5; W. D. Dunsford and H. Kennedy, 4 each—total, 223. Comrades Cook, Durang, Given, Hale, Lazarus, Ranck, Rover, Worthington and Whittier, 3 each—total, 27. 27 comrades, 2 each—total, 54; and 46 comrades, 1 each—total, 46.

Of the total number mustered comrades of the Post, 6 have died, 3 have been honorably discharged, 6 have been granted transfer cards, and 14 have been dropped for non-payment of dues, three of these have been reinstated and are now comrades in good standing. This makes a total loss, for over 11 years, of only 26 in a membership of 377, and there are 17 remaining suspended for non-payment of dues at this date.

At the commencement of your term of office, or when you assumed command of the Post, there were 230 comrades in good standing; 121 applications were received, including 15 on transfer card from other Posts and 1 reinstated from those dropped for non-payment of dues; of these, 4 were withdrawn, 2 were rejected, and 8 remain in the hands of the Committee, who have failed to report, and 116 have been elected, including 6 held over from the previous year, and 119 were mustered comrades of the Post, including 15 from the year previous.

#### RECAPITULATION

Number of comrades in good standing, January 1, 1880,		230
“ “ mustered during year,	119	
“ “ reinstated from suspended list,	2	121
Aggregate,		351



Number of Comrades lost by death, . . . . .	2	
" " " transfer card, . . . . .	3	
" " " being dropped for non payment of dues, . . . . .	4	
" " " " suspended, . . . . .	13	
		<hr/> 22
Leaving number of comrades in good standing at this date, . . . . .		329
" " " remaining suspended, . . . . .	17	17
Total membership, . . . . .		<hr/> 349

#### RECAPITULATION.

Number of comrades upon reorganization of Post, September 30, 1869, . . . . .		23
subsequently joined, . . . . .		4
Total membership, January 1, 1870, . . . . .		<hr/> 27
During the years 1870 and 1871 no changes were made, except to drop one member.		
In 1872 an effort was made to recruit the membership. This was found very difficult		
work, owing to the irregularity of meeting, difficulty of getting a quorum, and,		
really, no inducements to offer. Therefore, during the next three years—1872,		
1873 and 1874—but 9 comrades were found who had the courage to unite them		
selves with the Post.		
Mustered, . . . . .	9	
Reinstated from those suspended, . . . . .	2	
		<hr/> 38
Total gain for 3 years, 11; aggregate, . . . . .		
While we lost during that time by death, . . . . .	1	
by suspension and dropped, . . . . .	11	
		<hr/> 12
Leaving a membership, Jan'y 1, 1875, one less than we started with over 5 years before, . . . . .		26
During 1875 we had a gain of 7; aggregate, . . . . .		33
Lost by death, . . . . .	1	
" discharge, . . . . .	3	
		<hr/> 4
Leaving a membership, January 1, 1876, . . . . .		26
During 1876 we gained 12; aggregate, . . . . .		41
Lost by death, . . . . .	1	
" dropped, . . . . .	2	
		<hr/> 3
Leaving a membership, January 1, 1877, . . . . .		38
During 1877, gained by muster, . . . . .	31	
by reinstatement, . . . . .	11	
		<hr/> 42
Aggregate, . . . . .		80
Lost by death, . . . . .	2	
" transfer, . . . . .	1	
" dropped, . . . . .	1	
		<hr/> 4
Leaving a membership, January 1, 1878, . . . . .		76
During 1878, gained by muster, . . . . .	54	
by reinstatement, . . . . .	3	
		<hr/> 57
Aggregate, . . . . .		133



Lost by death,	1	
" transfer,	1	
" discharge,		
" suspension,	6	11
Leaving a membership, January 1, 1876,		122
During 1879, gained by muster,	116	
by reinstatement,		126
Aggregate,		242
Lost by transfer,	2	
" suspension,	10	12
Leaving a membership, January 1, 1880,		230
During 1880, gained by muster,	119	
by reinstatement,	2	121
Aggregate,		351
Lost by death,	2	
" transfer,	3	
" dropped,	4	
" suspension,	13	22
Leaving a membership, January 1, 1881,		329

The net gain of membership each year is as follows, beginning with 1875, as the loss of the years previous was greater than the gain :—

Membership, January 1, 1875,	26
Net gain during 1875,	3
" " 1876,	1
" " 1877,	38
" " 1878,	46
" " 1879,	108
" " 1880,	69
Total membership,	329

Of the 27 original members, January 1, 1870, but 19 are members of the Post at this date; of them 17 are life members.

#### CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS.

At the close of my last annual report we had a roll of 22 contributing members, and have elected during the past year 13 new members. If the comrades would only take pains to bring this properly before their friends who are not eligible to active membership, but who take a deep interest in our organization, there would be no trouble in having the roll increased to one hundred, the number limited by our By-Laws.

#### MUSTERS.

There have been held during the year fifty three musters, one special muster being held on Thursday evening, September 30th, for the purpose of mustering recruits. The attendance of comrades at musters was unexceptionably good, the largest attendance at any one muster being 254, on December 6th, annual election of officers, and the smallest 28, on July 5th, the average being 74-32-50, and the total attendance





Then follows a tabulate statement showing the attendance at each muster and the number of musters each comrade attended.)

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE MUSTERS.

The minutes of the Post or the Adjutant's reports of the proceedings of the musters have been regularly kept and are duly entered in the minute book of the Post complete to date, illuminated and with marginal notes, containing all the reports of the officers and committees submitted in writing during the year, including all amendments to the By-Laws and the new By-Laws complete, all orders, resolutions, and all matters of importance brought before the Post for its action during the year, embracing 270 pages of the minute-book or 9,971 lines, closely written, thus making a complete history of the Post and its committees.

#### REPORTS.

There have been received during the year 6 reports from the Adjutant, 13 from the Quartermasters, and 39 from the different committees, a total of 58 reports submitted in writing during the year, all of which are entered in full upon the minutes.

#### BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws of the Post were amended 12 times during the year, and by a subsequent resolution a committee was appointed to revise them, and submit such amendments as they should deem necessary. They submitted their final report on Monday evening, December 13th, and they were adopted at that and the succeeding muster and are spread in full on the minutes of those musters.

#### NOTICES SENT OUT.

In accordance with your instructions I have written and sent out 145 letters and notes, copies of which are in the letter-book of the Post; 131 notices of election to members elect; 3,514 lists of candidates for membership; 1,597 notices of amendment to By-Laws; 1,631 notices for election; 2,763 orders; special orders 334, making a total of 9,781 notices and letters sent out during the year, or an average of 27 for each and every day of the year.

#### PARADES.

The Post made 8 parades during the year, as follows: On March 15th, to visit R. M. K. Lee, Jr., Post, No. 5, Dept. of New Jersey, at Camden, parading 65 men; on Sunday, May 23, to attend divine service at the Central Congregational Church, 18th and Green streets, 41 men; on May 29, Decoration Day, parading 104 men; on August 20, to visit the Department of New Jersey encamped at Bonaparte Park, Bordentown, N. J., 85 men; on September 29th, obsequies of Gen. A. T. A. Torbet, 47 men; on Sunday, October 10th, to attend divine service at the Memorial Baptist Church, Broad and Master streets, 45 men; on October —, Grand Army Day, parading —; and on December 10th, to visit the Fair of the First Regiment Infantry N. G. of Pa., parading 92 men.

#### BOOKS.

I have to report that volume 2 of the Minute-Book, that has been in use for the last two years, is now about full, and by your direction ordered a new one for the use of my successor, and turned it over to him,



and will see that the one used by me is in complete order before turning it over to him. The new Roll-Book purchased by direction of the Post at the commencement of my term of office one year ago is now in complete order, showing the name and address of every comrade who has been a member of this Post since its re-organization in 1869, and his number on the Descriptive-Book, and what has become of those who are not members at this date. The Attendance Roll-Book, also purchased at the beginning of the past year, at the suggestion made in my last annual report, has been used exclusively during the past year and shows the attendance of each and every comrade at all the musters of the Post throughout the year, and I have re-entered the names of all the comrades and it is therefore ready for my successor. The preparation of these two books involved an unusual amount of labor, requiring me to go over the records of the Post from September 30th, 1869, to January 1st, 1880. They are now in complete order. The Descriptive-Book, rebound by direction of the Post, had to be again rebound, owing to the bad quality of the paper of the new part, which necessitated the re-entering of the descriptive lists of about forty comrades and to get their signatures again. Some of these I have not been able to obtain up to this date, I therefore call the attention of my successor thereto, and I will aid him in obtaining them. The Black-Book is complete according to the orders received from Department Head-Quarters.

I again call the attention of the Post to the necessity of providing the necessary books in which to file and properly preserve the Orders from National, Department and Post Head Quarters, as required by the rules and regulations. I also called the attention of the Council of Administration to this need when I submitted my books to them for their inspection, and if desired will cheerfully assist them or any one the Post may elect to select those most suited for this purpose. This ought to receive the immediate action of the Post, as the loose manner in which the Orders are kept renders them unfit for ready reference, and the liability of being lost, when it would be impossible to replace them, especially those relating to the early history of our organization during the years 1866 and 1867.

I regret to be compelled to announce to the Post the decease of two of our comrades during the past year, viz., Comrade Geo. S. Duncan, late a private of Company C, 91st Reg't Penn. Vols., who was mustered into this Post May 8, 1878, and died April 26, 1880, aged 62 years, and Comrade Joseph P. Dinan, late a sergeant of Company F, 90th Reg't Penn. Vols., who was mustered into this Post May 24, 1880, and died September 21, 1880, aged 47 years. Yet, when we consider our large membership, and that they are advancing in years and many inheriting disease from the privations and exposures necessary in our army life, we ought to feel grateful to a kind Providence that He has cared so tenderly for us all and spared the lives of so many throughout the year; for upon referring to a previous table it will be seen that during the years 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1878 we lost one comrade each year in a membership of 24, 29, 38 and 122, and during the year 1878 we lost two in a membership of 76, while during the past year we only lost two in a membership of about 350. Let us therefore be thankful for this mercy.

I have received from the Quartermaster the sum of \$65 for postage and have expended \$65.78, leaving a balance of 78 cents due me. I also received the amount of 250 as a compensation for my services as Ad-



utant, and as this cannot be considered anything near a suitable compensation for the amount of labor the duties of the office require I earnestly recommend that my successor be more liberally rewarded.

The Post has expended for charity during the year, including the amount of \$25 each to the Milton sufferers and the fund for the relief of the family of Wm. G. Cooper, the sum of \$125, to which may be properly added the sum of \$16.75 dues remitted to those comrades, making a total of \$141.75 expended for charity.

In conclusion, Commander, let me return to you my sincere thanks for your generous confidence confided in me throughout the whole year, and to again congratulate you upon the very successful termination of your term of office, leaving the Post in a most prosperous condition; and to your successor, Comrade Thos. J. Ashton, I return my thanks for the re-appointment tendered me, which I was compelled to decline for reasons made known to him, and to wish him all success throughout his administration, and if I can be of any service to him in the management of the affairs of the Post I will cheerfully grant it; and to my successor, Comrade David P. Weaver, I also extend cheerfully my best wishes and my desire to render him any service I can until he is perfectly familiar with the duties and requirements of his office; and to the comrades of the Post I return my sincere and hearty thanks for the many favors I have received at their hands in various ways and for their many words of encouragement and approbation, and the patience with which they have borne my shortcomings and disappointments caused to many of them; and now, as I retire from office after thirteen years unbroken service in the office of Post Commander, Quartermaster and Adjutant, if I can carry with me your approval of my official service I can seek that rest I so badly need with the assurance that my labors have not been in vain. To Comrades Wm. J. Macpherson and James T. Stewart, who have rendered me such valuable service as Sergeant-Major, I return my hearty thanks, especially to Comrade Stewart, serving the greater part of the year, whom I found most proficient, and am thankful the Post has recognized and promoted him to the position of Officer of the Day. Finally, Comrades, I sincerely ask the pardon of each and any comrade who may have felt himself aggrieved by anything that I may have done during my term of office or for any neglect of any duty, and ask that due allowance be made for the immense amount of labor my duties for the past year required of me. And now, Commander Ashton, although I retire from office, I shall pay strict attention to my duties as a comrade, and if my service can be of any further use to the Post in its now prosperous condition you have only to command them.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Adjutant.*

At the muster of January 17th an election was held for a member of the Council of Administration and for two Trustees, which resulted in the selection of Comrade John W. Ward to the Council of Administration and Comrades R. Dale Benson and Jos. R. C. Ward, Trustees. At the same muster Commander Ashton presented, on behalf of Past



Commander A. J. Sellers, a beautiful gold Post badge to Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, in appreciation of his valuable services as Adjutant during the year 1880.

General Orders No. 2, from Department Head Quarters, dated January —, 1881, announced the appointment of Comrade John A. Stevenson, of this Post, as Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department.

On February 17th a circular was issued by Commander Ashton announcing that the annual dues had been changed to six dollars, of which one dollar was for the expenses of Memorial Day—and prohibiting comrades of the Post from soliciting or collecting any money from the comrades of the Post for any purpose whatever unless authorized by the Post—and that copies of the book containing all the proceedings of this Post on Memorial Day, 1880, at Laurel Hill and in the evening at the Academy of Music in aid of the Meade monument, including all the speeches, letters, and a full list of the members, compiled by Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, could be obtained from the superintendent of the Post rooms.

Commander-in-Chief Louis Wagner and Department Commander John Taylor, and their respective staffs, paid an official visit to this Post on Monday evening, March 28th, and after the muster in of recruits Commander Ashton turned the Post over to the Entertainment Committee. Addresses were made by the Commander-in-Chief, Department Commander, Comrade Wm. H. Lambert, of Post No. 2, and Jas. A. Junior, of Post 103, recitations by Comrades Maas, Hewes and Whittier, of this Post, and singing by the Glee Club of Post 103, Comrade Murphy, of Post No. 71, and Mr. Frank Brunner. Comrade Wm.





Lembrecht was presented with a silver cup on behalf of the Post by Comrade Jno. A. Stevenson, for his young daughter, but recently born to him. Representatives were present from Posts 2, 10, 19, 21, 24, 46, 71, 103, and Post 68, Department of Massachusetts, and Post 24, Department of New Jersey, and the evening was enjoyed by all present.

On April 4th Comrade George Q. White resigned as a member of the Council of Administration. This brought a number of comrades to their feet, who spoke in reference to the very efficient services of Comrade White as a member of the Council, and regretting the necessity which compelled his resignation; and on April 11th Comrade W. Russell Smith resigned also, caused much regret among the comrades, who realized the efficiency of Comrade Smith and his labors in behalf of the Post during his membership in the Council. On April 18th Comrades Colin M. Beale and Horace Evans were elected to fill the vacancies.

Special Order No. 125, from Department Head-Quarters, dated April 6th, convened a general court-martial for the trial of a comrade of Ellis Post, No. 6, and detailed Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, of this Post, as Judge Advocate.

On April 18th Comrade Alfred Vezin, of this Post, died, and at the muster of that evening Commander Ashton presented the following resolution, which was adopted:—

**Whereas**, Alfred Vezin, a member of Post No. 1, G. A. R., died on April 18, 1881

**Resolved**, That this Post has heard with regret the death of our Comrade, Alfred Vezin, and that a minute be made on our record. A delegation of the Post attend the funeral in citizen's dress in deference to the wishes of the family, who desire no display.

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**Alfred Vezin** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, enlisted in Anderson Troop, 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry, on the 5th day of October, 1861, afterward in 17th Regt. Ill. Cavalry, held the office



of Adjutant, was discharged May 22d, 1865. He was mustered in Post No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, November 15, 1860, and died April 18, 1881, aged 42 years. Buried at North Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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On April 26th the Post was again called upon to mourn the loss of another comrade, Jasper H. Holman, who died on April 26th. He was buried on April 30th with full military and Grand Army services. The Post turned out 50 comrades, under Commander Ashton, with the Wee-wee Band, leaving headquarters about 3 o'clock, and marched to his late residence, No. 1724 Green street, via Chestnut, Broad and Green streets, being joined at Broad and Race streets by a military escort from the First Regiment N. G. of Pa., under Captain Wm. S. Poulterer. After receiving the remains with due ceremony, took up the line of march to Mount Vernon Cemetery, where, after the Episcopal service by the officiating clergyman, the Grand Army services were performed by Comrades Wm. J. Simpson, A. J. Sellers, Jos. R. C. Ward and Chaplains H. J. Tibbals and Clarion H. Kemball, during which Miss Tillie D. Summers sang "We Shall Sleep, but not Forever," and the Corinthian Quartette sang "Resurrection Day" and "Farewell, dear Comrade," "Rest," on the bugle, by Post Bugler Henry Keen, and a salute fired by the military, all of which was very impressive and long remembered by those who attended.

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**Jasper H. Holman** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. Enlisted in Co. D, 121st Regt. Penna. Vols., on the 11th day of August, 1862, afterward in Battery G, 112th Regt. Penn Vols., held the office of First Lieutenant and Brevet Major, was discharged December 12, 1865. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, September 1, 1870, and died April 26, 1881, aged 43 years. Buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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At the muster of May 2d the following resolution was adopted:—

**Resolved.** That the thanks of the Post are due and are hereby tendered to Captain Wm. S. Padterer, commanding the Battalion of First Regiment Infantry, N. G. of Pa., constituting escort and firing party at the funeral service of our late comrade, Jasper H. Holman, and to Captain Samuel G. Collins and Lieutenant Chas. T. Kensil, commanding companies, and to the non-commissioned officers and men thereof, for their kind and generous services and excellent performance of duty on said occasion.

Commander Ashton, in General Orders No. 2, dated May 24th, announced that the Post would attend divine service on Sunday evening, May 29th, at the Grace Baptist Church, Eleventh and Berks streets, Rev. Clarion H. Kimball, pastor; also gave full instructions for Memorial Day. The committee to whose care was committed the arrangements for Memorial Day were as follows:—

Past Commander L. D. C. Tyler, chairman; Comrades Wendell P. Bowman, John W. Ward, Edwin Nelson, E. De C. Loud, Chas. W. Houghton, M. D., Alexander Reed, Wm. C. Bird and Louis W. Moore, and the following special committee, which was subsequently appointed to assist them: Past Commanders Jos. R. C. Ward and Geo. W. Devlinny, and Comrades Wash. L. Atlee, M. D., Colin M. Beale, Wm. H. Brown and Thomas Thompson.

In compliance with General Orders No. 2, above referred to, the comrades assembled at headquarters on Sunday evening, May 29th, and took the cars to Eleventh and Berks streets. The line was formed under Commander Ashton and marched to the Grace Baptist Church, and listened to a very impressive sermon by the pastor, Rev. Clarion H. Kimball, a member of the Post, 70 comrades being present. On May 30th again assembled at headquarters at 1 P. M. The line was formed at 1.30 as follows: Squad of police, Weeacoe Band, Co. F, First Regiment Infantry, N. G. of Pa., Captain Thos. E. Huffington, the



Post, 140 strong, under Commander Ashton, and shortly afterward took up the line of march to Fairmount Park, via Eleventh street to Arch, to Broad, to Green, thence to Lincoln Monument, where the usual services were held, Comrade G. Harry Davis making the address, thence by boat to Laurel Hill, where the line was re-formed and marched through the cemetery, the choristers of St. Mark's P. E. Church chanting the processional hymn, accompanied by the band, to the chapel, in front of which the services were held, opened by Comrade Rev. Clarion H. Kimball with a very impressive prayer. Commander Ashton made a short address, and after the singing of a hymn by the choristers Comrade Henry H. Bingham delivered an eloquent oration in his most effective manner.

After the oration, and music by the band, the services at the chapel closed with the benediction by Comrade Kimball. The details of comrades then proceeded to decorate the graves of all deceased soldiers and sailors in the three cemeteries, and, at the call of the bugle, reassembled and proceeded to the grave of General Meade, where the Grand Army service was performed by Comrades Wm. J. Simpson, James C. Wray, Chas. C. Lister and Chaplain H. J. Tibbals, and included the firing of a salute by Co. F, First Regiment Infantry, N. G. of Pa., and "Rest" on bugle by Post Bugler Henry Keen. The boat was then taken back to Fairmount Park, where the line was re-formed, and marched to headquarters and dismissed.

This year the committee collected \$384.50, and received from the Post \$225.00; total, \$609.50; expended \$469.28 and returned to Post \$267.72. The largest amount was collected by Comrade Jos. R. C. Ward, being \$77.25.





When the assassin's hand struck down that gallant soldier and President of the United States, James A. Garfield, this Post, in common with all comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and all citizens of the United States, without regard to political creed, was shocked at the calamity that plunged the nation into grief, and it entertained the deepest sympathy for this patient sufferer throughout his painful illness. A special muster of the Post was called for Thursday evening, July 7th, to take action on the following resolution of sympathy, prepared by a committee consisting of the Commander, Senior Vice and Junior Vice-Commanders :—

That this Post expresses its deep sympathy for Comrade James A. Garfield, President of the United States, shot down by a fanatic and would-be assassin, and that we hereby most earnestly assure him that that traitorous act has only increased the fraternal regard and great respect that his comrades in arms have always had for his purity of character and lofty patriotism, and we most earnestly hope that he will soon be restored to perfect health and to the performance of the duties of his high office, when we are sure he will maintain the principles for which he fought—"One country and one flag."

That we hereby also express our sympathy for Mrs. Garfield and the family of the President.

This was unanimously adopted and a copy forwarded to Hon. James G. Blaine, Secretary of State.

And when, at last, he succumbed to death's inexorable demand, this Post joined in the grief and sorrow felt by all who loved their country and admired a noble man.

Comrade Chas. C. Lister presented the following at the muster of September 26th :—

In the midst of sorrow so universal, extending to the remotest borders of the civilized world, when countless thousands mourn the great loss which a murderous hand inflicted upon the nation in striking down our illustrious head, whose blameless life, distinguished career, and patient suffering with Christian fortitude, attest his virtues, leaving in death a rich legacy in an example worthy of emulation, we, too, in the shadow



of this appalling calamity, sorrow with the sorrowing, and feel, in common with our fellow countrymen, the profound grief which has overwhelmed this people, intensified by our recollection of his valor as a soldier.

But "at rest," after his heroic struggle, to live in the hearts we leave behind, is not to die. His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, "This was a man."

**Resolved.** That as comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, sincerely mourning his great and untimely loss, we express our admiration for the womanly devotion and noble deportment of the beloved wife during those weary days of trial, and tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved widow and mother and afflicted family.

**Resolved.** That the Post be appropriately draped and that the officers wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of sixty days; that this memorial be entered upon the minutes; that a copy be sent to Mrs. Garfield; and that we do now adjourn.

This was adopted by a unanimous standing vote and ordered to be published in the daily papers, and Comrades Chas. C. Lister, H. M. Marquet, Alexander Reed and James T. Stewart were appointed a committee to carry out its provisions.

The following letter, addressed to Commander Ashton, was received in acknowledgment :—

MENTOR, OHIO, NOV. 2, 1881

*Dear Sir:*—At the request of Mrs. Garfield, I tender you her sincere thanks for resolutions of sympathy received from your Post.

Very truly yours,

C. O. ROCKWELL.

Shortly afterwards the Post deemed it advisable to hold a Garfield memorial service at the Academy of Music, and a committee, consisting of Past Commanders A. J. Sellers, Jos. R. C. Ward, Henry H. Bingham, and Comrades Edwin N. Benson and John A. Stevenson, were appointed to take the matter into consideration, and, if deemed advisable, to make the necessary arrangements. They addressed the following circular to all the Posts in the city, asking for the appointment of a committee to co-operate with them :—



HEADQUARTERS, G. O. G. MAJOR POST, NO. 1, BUILDING PAVANA,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, S. E. COR. ELEVENTH AND CHESTNUT STS.

PHILADELPHIA, September 28, 1884.

*To the members of Posts Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 24, 27, 35, 46, 51, 56, 63, 71, 80, 103,*

*Post No. 114, Camden, N. J.*—The undersigned having been appointed a committee to make arrangements,

in conjunction with a similar committee from other Posts, for a memorial service in honor of our lamented President and Comrade, James A. Garfield, at the Academy of Music, as soon as practicable, we respectfully request your earnest co-operation in successfully consummating this worthy object by the appointment of a committee of five (5), with power to act, to meet in convention on Saturday evening, 8th prox., at these headquarters.

The result of your action please communicate at once to—

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ALFRED J. SULLIVAN, *Chairman*,  
ALFRED C. BROWN, *Secretary*.

JOS. R. C. WARD,  
HENRY H. BINGHAM,  
EDWIN N. BENSON,  
JOHN A. STEVENSON.

In compliance with the above circular the Joint Committee met on Saturday evening, October 8th, at the headquarters of this Post. Twenty-three Posts were represented by eighty comrades from Posts Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 19, 24, 27, 35, 46, 51, 56, 63, 71, 80, 103, 114, 115, 160 and 191, also Post No. 5, of Camden, N. J.

Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, of this Post, called the meeting to order, and in a brief address, in which he alluded feelingly to the death of President Garfield and the desire of his comrades to testify their appreciation of his worth as a soldier and a statesman, stated that he was glad to welcome so many comrades to this preliminary meeting. He recited the objects for which the meeting was called, and then announced that the first order of business would be an election of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. This resulted in the selection of Comrade Louis Wagner, of Post No. 6, as chairman, Jos. R. C. Ward, of









On July 28th the Post made an excursion to Coney Island, the arrangements for which were placed in the hands of a large committee, of which Comrade John W. Ward was chairman; A. J. Sellers secretary, and John A. Stevenson treasurer. A special train left 9th and Green streets via Bound Brook, at 6:30 A. M., carrying 534 of the comrades, their families and friends. At Jersey City a large steamboat was taken and proceeded up the East River to afford all an opportunity to see Castle Garden, Brooklyn Bridge and Governor's Island, returning passed out into the bay through "The Narrows," passing Fort Lafayette and Hamilton, thence to Coney Island, where a day of unusual pleasure was enjoyed at that cosmopolitan resort, with its many attractions and novelties, leaving there about 8 o'clock by boat to Jersey City, thence by train for Philadelphia, which was reached after midnight. The financial result of this excursion was a net profit to the Post of \$272.46.

On Thursday, September 1st, Comrade James Starr died, and another faithful comrade was laid to rest. It was the desire of the family that the funeral should be strictly private and that theatrical floral entering be omitted, so that the Post could take no action whatever, though many of the comrades were warm personal friends of the deceased. At the muster of September 5th the following resolution was adopted:—

**Whereas,** James Starr, comrade of the Socialist Party of America, died on the 1st of September, 1904, and his funeral services were held on the 3d of September, 1904;

**Resolved,** That the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of America do hereby express their sympathy to the family of the deceased, and that the following be the Post's mode of expression:—

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James Starr was a member of the Socialist Party of America. He died on the 1st of September, 1904. The Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of America do hereby express their sympathy to the family of the deceased, and that the following be the Post's mode of expression:—



and was held on Oct. 14, 1881. He was elected one of the Members of the National Post of Philadelphia, April 24, 1878, and was elected Secretary of the National Post of Philadelphia, April 1, 1881. He is buried in the National Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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On September 26th Comrade Louis E. Plehner resigned as Quartermaster Sergeant and Comrade Chas. C. Lister was appointed as his successor and duly installed.

In compliance with General Orders No. 3, from Commander Ashton, the comrades of the Post assembled at headquarters on Monday, October 10th, at 9 o'clock A. M., to take part in the parade of Grand Army Day, and soon after, headed by the Washington Grays Band, marched to place of formation, Broad and Oxford streets, and after the review by Department Commander marched to Fairmount Park via Broad and Green streets, and through the Park to Main Exhibition Building. After passing in review the Post was dismissed, the rest of the day and evening being spent as each comrade desired. 52 members of the Post paraded, under Commander Ashton, and 18 joined at the building, making 73 comrades present in uniform.

The annual election of officers was held on Monday evening, December 5th, resulting in the election of Comrade Wm. J. Simpson as Commander, 113 votes being cast.

Thursday afternoon, December 29th, between 4 and 5 o'clock, was set apart as "Children's Hour," and the comrades were notified to bring their children down to the Post room, where an entertainment was arranged for their amusement. This was the inauguration of that Christmas entertainment for the benefit of the little ones of our comrades that has each year with varied changes given so much pleasure to the children and gladdened the hearts of the parents. Two Christmas



trees were set up and decorated in handsome style, principally by Comrade Todd. Over fifty children were present, and each received a package of confectionery, and fruit. All left well pleased, and to Comrade Philip J. Hoffiger and James C. Wray were they indebted for this happy thought and the pleasure enjoyed.

The following comrades were mustered into the Post during the year:—

DENNIS MCGOWAN, JOHN L. FRY, SR., THOMAS KEEN, THEO. M. ETTING, THOS. J. WORRELL, E. M. SUPPLEE, ADAM TRAU, M. D., WM. H. PACE, A. K. KEPNER, HENRY F. BIRNBAUM, JACOB E. HYNEMAN, H. B. GEISSINGER, FRANK W. MURPHY, JOSEPH F. ARCHER, GEO. H. GRIFFING, U. S. N., JOHN MCANASPIE, HENRY M. DECHERT, JAMES A. FILLEY, THOS. EARLY, ROBT. MUNNIE, WM. K. KEPNER, THOS. THOMPSON, REV. A. JUDSON ROWLAND, H. S. HUIDEKOPER, THOS. CHAMBERLAIN, AUGUSTUS T. CLARK, JACOB P. GILMAN, SAML. D. MARSHALL, M. D., CHAS. HAWKINS, JOHN S. POTTER, S. MORRIS ADAMS, EDWARD H. REED, GEO. S. BAILEY, LESLIE STONES, BENONI FRISHMUTH, GEO. BASKINS, C. IRVINE WRIGHT, JAMES BEALE, REV. I. NEWTON RITNER, WM. CANDIDUS, WM. E. COSTER, JACOB H. GILMORE, H. W. B. HERVEY, WM. B. ALLEN, U. S. N., RUDOLPH M. SCHICK, HENRY A. BORELL, JOSEPH MOITZ, JOHN LEARY, JOHN M. CARROLL, SYLVESTER BYRNE, WM. H. OAKFORD, CHAS. H. HAYES, A. H. HUBBARD, E. D. ESHLEMAN, WM. DELP, THOS. F. B. TAPPER (RE-ELECTED). TOTAL, 56.



WILLIAM J. SIMPSON.

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Second Lieutenant Co. E, 71st Reg't Penna. Volunteers, May, 1861.

Final muster out as Captain Co. A, 44th Reg't Penna. Volunteer Militia, August 29, 1863.

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, March 14, 1877.

Elected Senior Vice-Commander December 6, 1880.

Elected Commander December 5, 1881.

Another public installation of the officers-elect took place on Monday evening, January 9th, at the Post rooms, and Comrade Chas. B. Styer, M. D., Past Commander of E. D. Baker Post, No. 8, officiated as installing officer. As soon as his duties were discharged he turned the Post over to the new commander, Wm. J. Simpson, who, in assuming command, thanked the comrades for the confidence reposed in him, and asked their hearty co-operation to enable him to discharge his responsible duties. He then directed the Adjutant to publish the orders.

General Order No. 1, dated January 9th, announcing the election of the following officers of the Post:—

Commander	Wm. J. Simpson
Senior Vice-Commander	Charles C. Weaver
Junior Vice-Commander	Samuel S. Vogdes
Quartermaster	Alfred W. Mann
Chaplain	Henry C. Mann, H. J. Mann
Sergeant	David P. Weaver, Al. J. Mann
Organizer of the Day	Henry W. Mann
Organizer of the Week	Samuel S. Vogdes
Organizer of the Month	Henry W. Mann

And the following appointments:—

Adjutant	David P. Weaver
Sergeant-Major	W. Wayne Vogdes
Quartermaster-Sergeant	Alfred W. Mann
Inside Sentinel	Sam'l W. Arbeckle
Outside Sentinel	John E. Mann
Organizer	Henry W. Mann
Bugler	Henry Keen

Closing with the following paragraph:—

The Commander of the Post, in his address to the members of the Post, said that he was pleased to have the honor of being elected to the position of Commander of Post 1, and assures them that he will endeavor to perform the duties of the office in such a manner as to be satisfactory to all. He then read the following resolution, which was adopted by a unanimous vote of the comrades present:

Resolved, That the comrades of the Post do hereby express their hearty support of the new Commander, and their confidence in his ability to perform the duties of the office.





The death of our comrade-in-arms, Comrade [Name] has been a great loss to our Party and our people. We must learn from his example and strive to become better men. Let us all do our utmost to contribute to the building of our Motherland. Let us all do our utmost to contribute to the building of our Motherland.

to it that Post 1 takes no backward step; let us each and every one use our best efforts to keep our Post in the position it has attained, the forefront of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Post was then turned over to the Entertainment Committee, Comrade W. B. Todd acting as chairman. Comrade R. Dale Benson took the floor and called Past Commander Thos. J. Ashton to the front and in a very complimentary and appropriate manner presented him with a gold Past Commander's badge from the comrades of the Post, as a token of their appreciation of the very efficient manner in which he discharged his duties as Commander during the past year. Comrade Ashton accepted the same in his usual happy manner, thanking the comrades for their beautiful testimonial and for their uniform courtesy to him during his term of office.

Commander Simpson then addressed the Post, alluding in very complimentary terms to the services of the retiring Commander.

Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward was then called upon, and after a few pleasant remarks, referred to the outgoing officers and the very satisfactory manner in which each had discharged his important duties. He especially commended retiring Quartermaster, Chas. L. Atlee, and presented him with a gold corps badge and insignia of his past office. Then followed a short programme of singing by Mrs. Weyill, Mr. F. A. Murphy, Comrade Kay, of Post 7, and Comrade Lembrecht, of this Post, also a recitation by Comrade E. A. Mass, of this Post.

On February 9th the Post attended the funeral of Comrade Henry F. Birnbaum, who died on February 6th. The Post took full charge of the funeral, bearing all the expenses. Henry passed a tormented under



Commander Simpson, taking coaches from the residence, No. 404 Pine street, to Monument Cemetery, where the remains were placed in the vault. Subsequently the Post purchased a lot and he was buried therein.

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**Henry F. Birnbaum** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. Enlisted as Private in Co. H, 5th Penna. Cavalry on the 23d day of September, 1861, held the rank of Hospital Steward, and was discharged June 25, 1865. He was mustered in George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, Feb. 7, 1881, and died Feb. 17, 1882, aged 73 years. Buried at Monument Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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At the muster of February 20th the following resolution presented by Past Commander A. J. Sellers was voted upon:—

**Whereas**, Many comrades are debarred from attending or remaining at musters of the Post because of the excessive smoking, which is detrimental to health and a proper enjoyment of the meetings, and in view of the fact that a smoking and club room is provided for such enjoyment, therefore be it

**Resolved**, That the opinion and desire of the members be obtained through a secret ballot, to be held on the third Monday in February (20th inst.), under the direction of the Commander, the result of which shall be a rule governing the Post rooms.

A copy of this resolution was sent to each comrade with two tickets, one "against smoking" and one "for smoking," and when the result of the ballot was announced it was found that a large majority were "against smoking."

Commander Simpson had hardly assumed command of the Post when it was called upon to mourn the loss of still another comrade, his predecessor, Past Commander Thomas J. Ashron, who had only just turned over to his successor the office he so ably filled when he was suddenly called away from earth. He died February 21st, very suddenly. "Mustered out here to be enrolled into that Grand Army above."



As soon as the arrangements for the funeral were announced Commander Simpson issued the following order:—



HEAD QUARTERS GEO. G. MEADE POST, No. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, G. A. R.,

S. E. Cor. 11th and Chestnut streets,

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22, 1882.

### **General Orders**

#### **No. 2.**

I. Comrades, it is with deep and heartfelt sorrow I announce the death of

**Thomas J. Ashton.**

Past Commander of this Post.

II. The death of our comrade was sudden and unexpected, mustered out without a moment's warning, casting a gloom over our Post at the loss of one so much beloved.

III. The comrades will assemble at the Post room on Friday, 24th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., sharp, to attend the funeral. Interment at Mt. Peace Cemetery.

By order of

W. J. SIMPSON, *Commander*.

DAVID P. WEAVER, *Adjutant*.

Dress—Dark clothes, white gloves, General Army coat and band.



The Post was stricken with grief at this sudden death of its recent Commander. He had endeared himself to us all by his manly virtues, his anxiety for the welfare of the Post and its members, and his courteous treatment of all the comrades. The Post took full charge of the funeral services, and in compliance with General Orders No. 2, as above, assembled at headquarters on Friday, February 24, at 2 o'clock, and proceeded to the residence of his brother in law, 449 York avenue, where the remains were received with appropriate honors and escorted to the Fifth Street Methodist Church, where the funeral services were held. Department Chaplain John W. Sayers, Post Chaplain Clarion H. Kimball, and the Rev. Mr. Gray, pastor of the church, officiated, and Miss Tillie D. Summers sang very feelingly "Flee as a Bird." The remains were then escorted to Mount Peace Cemetery, via Fifth and Brown streets and Ridge avenue; Post No. 2, under Commander Frank Lynch, with the Post Guard, kindly acting as escort to this Post with the Weecacoe Band. Post No. 1 paraded 154 comrades under Commander Simpson, with the Washington Grays Band, also representatives of the Military Order of Loyal Legion and Montgomery Lodge, A. Y. M. At the cemetery the Masonic and Grand Army services were performed and the Guard of Post No. 2 fired the salute.

The muster of February 27 was devoted almost exclusively to paying tributes to the deceased comrade. Comrade Chas. C. Lister, after a brief eulogy, presented the following:—

This Post is stricken with grief at the sudden death of our recent Commander, Chas. C. Lister, of Ashton, a loss which cannot be replaced. The death of a comrade is a great affliction brings us, but his vacant place in our ranks will not be filled—a brave soldier, a true friend—a trusted guide in times of doubt—devoted to our interests, the virtues of true manhood which adorned his character made his presence felt in our midst—his anxiety for our welfare—sacred regard for the principles





of our Order. His personal letter to George Meade, in which he expressed his desire to be buried with his comrades until our last comrade is mastered into the Grand Army, whose ranks are now a permanent fixture in our favored country.

At the meeting of the Association on  
the 10th of February, 1882,  
the following resolutions were adopted:  
That the order be suspended.

Comrades G. Harry Davis, Wendell P. Bowman, J. Davis, Duffield, Jos. R. C. Ward, E. De C. Loud, Isaiah Price and Commander Simpson, all spoke in appropriate and impressive manner of the life and services of the deceased. The minute was unanimously adopted, all further business suspended, and the Post closed in respect to his memory.

**Thomas J. Ashton** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. Enlisted in the 10th Regiment of Company A, 71st Reg't Penna. Vols. on the 1st day of January, 1862, when was in Company E, 44th Reg't Penna, Vol. M. Held the office of Captain, and was discharged August 27, 1864. He was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, September 12, 1877. He served as Junior Vice-Commander, Senior Vice-Commander and Commander, and died February 22, 1882, aged 50 years. Buried at Mount Peace Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

At the muster of March 6th the following was adopted:—

**Resolved,** That George G. Meade Post, No. 1, of A. P. G. A., be invited to the next Grand Assembly shown at the recent burial of Past Commander by Post No. 2 tendering and furnishing the firing party on that occasion, also turning out as a Post, tender to Post No. 2 its most hearty and appreciative thanks.

**Resolved,** That the Address be given by the Association to the same at the same time and place as Post No. 2.

The muster of March 20th was devoted to a memorial service to the memory of Past Commander Ashton. Judge Wm. N. Ashman, for a long time intimately associated with him, was selected as the orator of the evening and delivered an exhaustive eulogy upon the life of our deceased comrade.



Comrade L. Newton Ritner made an impressive prayer, and Miss Tillie D. Summers sang "We shall meet to part no more." Comrade Frank Glading played a Requiem on the piano, and Chaplain Kimball, Comrade Bowman, Commander Simpson and Past Commander in Chief Louis Wagner spoke feelingly of the deceased, and the evening was one that will be long remembered for its impressive service.

On March 13th Comrade James McFadden, M. D., died. He was buried on the morning of March 16th, by the Post, in Mount Vernon Cemetery: 22 comrades attended, under Commander Simpson, accompanied by the Washington Grays Band. The morning service prevented many comrades from attending.

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**James McFadden, M. D.,** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. Enlisted in 1861 Regt. Penna. Vols, on the 15th of October, 1861. Held the office of Assistant Surgeon, and was discharged June 17, 1862. He was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, October 21, 1878, and died March 13, 1882, aged 50 years. Buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Again, on March 26th, another comrade answered the last roll call and was relieved from further duty—Comrade Joseph Bond. He was buried by the Post on Wednesday, March 26th, at Fernwood Cemetery, Fernwood, Delaware Co., Pa., with Grand Army services, 32 comrades participating, under Commander Simpson, with the Washington Grays Band. The Post marched from Post Headquarters about 1:30 P. M., to his late residence, 22d and Wallace streets, thence to 25th and Spring Garden, where coaches were taken to the cemetery, returning to headquarters about 6 P. M.



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**Joseph Bond** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. Entered U. S. Army, M. 16th Reg't Penna. Cavalry on the 1st day of September, 1863. Held the rank of Sergeant, M. Co., 2d Lieutenant, and was discharged May 14, 1866. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, May 8, 1878, and died March 26, 1882, aged 41 years. Buried at Fernwood Cemetery, Delaware Co., Pa.

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On March 27th the Post accepted an invitation from Post No. 2 to pay a fraternal visit on Thursday evening, March 30th, and learning that the Department Commander, John M. Vanderslice, and staff, were to pay Post No. 2 an official visit at the same time, Commander Simpson tendered the services of this Post as an escort. The offer was accepted, and on Thursday evening 95 comrades, under Commander Simpson, with the Washington Grays Band, received the Department Commander and staff and escorted them to the headquarters of Post No. 2, Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, where all were very agreeably entertained until after 11 o'clock in true soldierly manner, especially by the excellent music furnished by the orchestra of Post No. 2 and the addresses of many of the comrades.

"The march of another comrade is ended." Comrade Henry S. Lansing, at rest. Died at Burlington, N. J., April 14th, after a long illness. His readiness to obey the last order was manifested a few days before received, when he said: "I await the coming of death as I would the coming of a friend." He was buried on Monday, April 17th, at Burlington. A large delegation of the Post, under Commander Simpson, attended the funeral, going by boat from Market street wharf at 1:45 P. M. Company A, 6th Regiment, N. G. of N. J., Captain Phillips, acted as escort. The full Grand Army services were performed



at the grave in a very impressive manner, and so impressed a gentleman present that he spoke to Commander Simpson a few days afterward and said :—

“The services that you old soldiers hold at the graves of your comrades is very touching, and cannot fail to impress those who witness them with the deep feelings of friendship of one comrade toward another.”

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**Henry S. Lansing** was born in Utica, State of New York. Enlisted in 17th Reg't New York Vols. Held the office of Colonel and Brevet Brigadier-General, and was discharged June 2, 1863. He was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, January 20, 1879, and died April 13, 1882, aged 57 years. Buried at St. Paul's Cemetery, Burlington, N. J.

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On April 20th Commander Simpson received the following :—

BURLINGTON, N. J., April 20, 1882.

*To Commander SIMPSON AND COMRADES OF THE GEO. G. MEADE POST, No. 1, P. S. A., P. O. No. 1.*

*Gentlemen:—*For the brothers and sisters of the late General Henry S. Lansing, I thank you for your sympathy for themselves and respect paid their brother. Rest assured that my family and myself heartily concur in these expressions of appreciation. Respectfully yours, ED. S. LANSING.

On May 10th a circular was issued by Commander Simpson calling upon comrades to report on or before June 5th their intention to accompany the Post to Baltimore, Md., on June 21st, to participate in the parade and reception of the National Encampment to be convened there on that date, and requesting them to meet on Thursday, June 18th, at Hart's Hall, Broad street above Mount Vernon, for drill.

General Orders No. 6, from Post Headquarters, dated May 23d, announced that the Post would attend divine service on Sunday evening, May 28th, at the Eleventh Baptist Church, 12th street above Race. Rev. I. Newton Ritner, pastor, had extended a very pressing invitation for the Post to attend, but when the time came he was very ill and Rev. Henry L. Wayland, another comrade of the Post preached the





sermon. Sixty comrades attended, under Commander Simpson, forming at the Post rooms and marching in a body to the church.

The above order also gave full instructions for the services on Memorial Day. The committee to whom was assigned charge of these duties were Past Commander A. J. Sellers, chairman; and Comrades Jos. R. C. Ward, Benoni Frishmuth, W. W. Ledyard, Colin M. Beale, Thomas Thompson, James Thompson, August T. Clark and James T. Stewart. Subsequently the following were appointed a special committee to assist them in their labor: Comrades James C. Wray, Wm. H. Brown, Geo. W. Devinny, Lewis W. Moore, Alexander Reed and John A. Weidersheim.

What has been said of previous committees can be said of this one: its members performed their duties well and to the entire satisfaction of the Commander and the Post.

In compliance with General Order No. 6 the comrades assembled at headquarters about 1 o'clock on May 30th, and at 1:45 P. M. the line was formed on Girard street, with 145 comrades in line, under Commander Simpson, with the Washington Grays Band, and paraded up Chestnut to Broad, to Spring Garden, to Twenty first, to Green, to Fairmount Park, thence to Lincoln Monument, where the usual services were held, including an address by the Rev. I. Newton Ritter, dirge by the band and anthem by the choristers.

The steamer Lafayette was then taken to Laurel Hill, where the line was re-formed and marched through the Cemetery to the Chapel, the choristers from St. Mark's P. E. Church singing a processional hymn, accompanied by the band, which was very impressive. Upon arriving at the chapel the Post was massed in front of the stand. The



services were opened by an address by Past Commander A. J. Sellers, chairman of the committee, followed by prayer by Post Chaplain Rev. Clarion H. Kimball.

General J. Warren Kiefer, Past Department Commander of Ohio, who was selected to deliver the oration, was unable to attend at the last moment, owing to the pressure of public business as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., a despatch being received from him that morning; so that brief addresses from Comrade G. Harry Davis and Chaplain C. H. Kimball took the place of the regular oration, and were very effective and gave entire satisfaction and overcame the disappointment that was keenly felt by the absence of Comrade Kiefer; they being called upon at very short notice, without any preparation. These addresses were followed by the choristers singing the hymn—

"Our Master's Debt,"

composed and dedicated to the Post by J. A. Gardiner, Esq. Commander Simpson made a short address and the comrades adjourned to the grave of General Meade, where the Grand Army services were performed by Comrades James C. Wray, John A. Stevenson, John A. Weidersheim, and Chaplain C. H. Kimball. The choristers then sang that old, but beautiful hymn—

"So long as life and death are common things,  
Our parting hymn of praise;"

and the services closed with "Rest" on the bugle by Post Bugler Henry Keen.

A large detail of the Post, under Commander Simpson, then went over to Mount Peace Cemetery and decorated the grave of Past Commander Thos. J. Ashton, Comrade Wendell P. Bowman making an



address, paying a high tribute to the worth and services of our deceased comrade.

This year the committee adopted a beautiful bronze design as a permanent marker for the graves of the deceased comrades of this Post, being a large star, same design as the G. A. R. badge, with the name and number of the Post. This was attached to a galvanized iron rod and one placed upon the graves of each of the following comrades of this Post, those outside of the city being expressed to the Post of the G.A.R. located there, to wit: Comrades John W. Geary, Harrisburg, Pa.; James Heslet, Port Carbon, Pa.; Morris Briggs, Lebanon, N. Y.; Henry S. Lansing, Burlington, N. J., and Comrades Wilber F. Geer, Jacob Stein, George S. Duncan, Jos. P. Dinan, Jasper H. Holman, James M. Linnard, Henry F. Birnbaum, Thos. J. Ashton, James H. McFadden, Joseph Bond, James Starr and Alfred Vezin, in the Philadelphia cemeteries.



The committee collected this year the sum of \$265.00, the largest amount by Comrade A. J. Sellers, of \$60.00. Received from the Post \$371.00; total, \$636.00. Expenditures, \$498.56, and returned to the Post \$137.44.

General Order No. 7, dated June 14th, was issued by Commander Simpson, giving full instructions for parade of the Post to Baltimore, Md., on June 21st, to participate in the reception of the National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic during its annual session, and contained the following paragraph:—



"The Commander hopes that the many guests who will accompany the Post to Baltimore, and that each one, every comrade, will be most comfortable and that the U. S. Army will be in his keeping; thus doing honor to the citizens of Baltimore whose guests we will be."

The arrangements were entrusted to a committee consisting of Comrade C. W. Houghton, M. D., Chairman; G. Harry Davis, Secretary; Philip J. Hofflinger, Treasurer; C. Irwine Wright, Colin M. Beale, A. J. Sellers and James Beale. They chartered one of the steamers of the Erricson Line to convey the Post and be its headquarters while in Baltimore.

The Post left Philadelphia about 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, June 20th, with 61 comrades under command of Commander Simpson (Adjutant David P. Weaver was unable to accompany the Post and Comrade Wendell P. Bowman was appointed Adjutant for the trip), steaming down the Delaware River and passing through the canal, and up the Chesapeake Bay to Baltimore, arriving there about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, taking breakfast on the boat. The line was soon formed and marched to place of formation and in due time participated in that grand street parade, that included about 200,000 old veterans, who were generously received by the citizens of Baltimore.

The fine appearance of the members of this Post, their excellent marching and soldierly bearing, won for them applause all along the line, and as the section bearing the nineteen bullet-riddled and tattered battle flags passed along they received a perfect ovation from the thousands of spectators that thronged the sidewalks and filled the houses. In passing the reviewing stand, upon which were Chester A. Arthur, President of the United States, and his cabinet, General Sherman and other distinguished guests, the applause and cheers were continuous.





After the parade was dismissed the Post returned to the boat for dinner and then the members strolled around town until about 10 o'clock that night, when the steamer started on its return trip, and arrived in Philadelphia about 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

So well were the members pleased with their visit and the warm reception accorded them by the citizens of Baltimore that a committee, consisting of Comrades Wendell P. Bowman, G. Harry Davis, B. Frishmuth, A. J. Sellers and J. C. Dobleman, was appointed by the Commander to prepare a set of resolutions expressive of our warmest thanks and due appreciation of their kindness and generosity, to have them engrossed and presented to the city of Baltimore. They were prepared and adopted as follows : —

**Whereas,** The Post, No. 1, of the George G. Meade Post, of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Pennsylvania, held its annual muster at Baltimore, Md., on the 27th, 28th and 29th of July, A.D. 1882;

**Whereas,** Said Post, during its visit to Baltimore, Md., was graciously received and hospitably entertained by the Mayor and the citizens of that goodly city;

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**Resolved,** By the George G. Meade Post, No. 1, of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Pennsylvania, in regular muster assembled: That the thanks of this Post be extended to his Honor the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, and through him to the citizens of that goodly city, for his and their kind and careful thought and attention of and to, the necessities, comfort and pleasure of the Post during its visit.

Trusting that the God of nations and Ruler of cities shall guard her present and guide her future destinies for her truest good and permanent advancement, and that soon, very soon, our whole country shall rejoice because her children once more dwell together in unity.

The premises and convey these resolutions to their proper destination. Taken from the minutes of the Post at the muster held the third day of July, A.D. 1882.



Commander Simpson, Comrades G. Harry Davis and Wendell P. Bowman carried the same to Baltimore and presented them to the Mayor.

Again this year did a number of the comrades of this Post attend the semi-annual encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania at Gettysburg, from July 22d to 29th inclusive, a special muster of the Post being held on July 18th to make the necessary arrangements.

Department Commander John M. Vanderslice and staff paid an official visit to this Post on Monday evening, October 9th. Quite a large number of the comrades turned out to welcome them. A camp fire was lighted as soon as the routine business was disposed of. A number of appropriate and humorous speeches were made by the visitors and comrades of the Post, after which a lunch was served on the fourth floor. At that same muster Comrade Washington L. Atlee, M. D., was elected a member of the Council of Administration, vice Horace Evans, resigned.

On October 27th the Post participated in the Bi-Centennial celebration of the founding of the city of Philadelphia and the landing of William Penn on our shores. General Order No. 8, dated October 20th, gave full instructions and announced the following comrades as the Committee of Arrangements: Benoni Frishmuth, Chairman; Lewis W. Moore, James Thompson, Colin M. Beale, David H. Garrett, Robt. S. Wharton, M. D., and Thomas Thompson; and contained the following:

"The members of the Post of the Department of Pennsylvania will in the spirit of the motto of the Department, 'To be true to the features of the Declaration of Independence and to the spirit of the well as in soldierly bearing.'"



The Post paraded at 12 o'clock, under Commander Simpson, and having as their guest, Wilton Post, No. 1, of Baltimore, Md., who brought with them 78 comrades. Adjutant David P. Weaver was unable to parade with the Post, and Commander Simpson appointed Post Commander Jos. R. C. Ward adjutant for the parade. As a full description of the appearance of the Post, and the part it took, and the names of all the comrades who participated, are contained in the report submitted by Acting Adjutant Ward, the same is published in full as follows:—

On the morning of the 27th of September, 1892, the members of the Post, No. 1, of Baltimore, Md., arrived in this city by steamer about 6 o'clock, and were met at the wharf by the Reception Committee of this Post, consisting of Comrades D. H. Garrett, Thos. Thompson, E. J. Edwards, and escorted to the Industrial Hall, Broad and Vine streets, for breakfast, and then to place of formation, on Girard street.

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Platoon of color and battle flags, Fred'k V. Holt, Acting Sergeant Major, and the following comrades:—

was soon joined by Wilton Post, No. 1, of Baltimore, Md., who arrived in this city by steamer about 8 o'clock, and was met at the wharf by the Reception Committee of this Post, consisting of Comrades D. H. Garrett, Thos. Thompson, E. J. Edwards, and escorted to the Industrial Hall, Broad and Vine streets, for breakfast, and then to place of formation, on Girard street. Immediately upon their arrival the column proceeded down Eleventh to Chestnut, to Fifteenth, Fifteenth to South, thence east to Broad street; here the line was re-formed and divided into platoons of sixteen each, and the following comrades placed in charge of the platoons:

McFerran, Colin M. Beale, G. Harry Davis, Wm. H. Given and E. A. Mass; and W. Russell Smith in charge of the platoon of color and battle flags. Fred'k V. Holt was appointed Acting Sergeant Major. At 10.30 moved on to Broad street in sections of eight, and massed in close column on first section and

breaking from the right and marching to the left in sections of eight, passing up Broad street to Chestnut, to Third, to Market; here platoons of sixteen were formed and proceeded up Market to Broad, passing the B. Centennial Committee; and then countermarched to Vine street, breaking into sections of eight at Girard avenue. A halt was made above Vine street to salute Wilson



Post as they were ordered. The following officers and comrades paraded with the Post: issued tickets of invitation for the reception at the Academy of Fine Arts and Camp Fire at Industrial Hall.

The following officers and comrades paraded with the Post:

Commander Wm. J. Simpson, Senior Vice-Commander Jas. C. Wray, Junior Vice-Commander Jno. A. Stevenson, Quartermaster Alex. Reed, Surgeon Chas. W. Houghton, Officer-of-the-Day Lewis W. Moore, Officer-of-the-Guard Sam'l R. Kent, Sergeant-Major W. Wayne Vogdes, Quartermaster-Sergeant H. M. Marquet, Bugler Henry Keen; Past Commanders Jos. R. C. Ward, Geo. W. Devinity and L. D. C. Tyler, and Comrades Allman, W. L. Atlee, Abel, Archer, W. B. Allen, C. M. Beale, W. C. Bird, J. T. Bird, Bridger, Boos, Brooks, Blair, Boyer, Barr, Bailey, Baskins, Borell, Boring, Cook, W. G. Cooper, Chamberlain, Coster, Cochran, Dunsford, Dobleman, Dally, Devlin, Duncan, G. Harry Davis, Drake, Elmer, Edwards, Frazer, Fry, Flake, Frishmuth, Grugan, Goodwin, Glading, Given, Geissinger, Garrett, Hutchinson, Hewes, Hoffliker, Hammer, Hartleben, D. W. Howard, Hough, Haeseler, Holt, Hayes, Hamilton, Hervey, Johnston, Chas. W. Keen, Krider, J. D. Keyser, Kohlas, Lambrecht, Leidy, Leary, Mayer, Munder, W. H. Miller, McGonigle, Mc'alla, Macfernan, J. H. Mitchell, Jno. E. Mann, Mass, Wm. G. Matthews, Munnie, Martel, Nelson, Nichols, Nice, Paul, Prior, Pfeiffer, J. C. Price, Isaiah Price, J. S. Potter, Stroebel, Sweifort, W. Russell Smith, Geo. F. Smith, W. M. Smith, Surper, J. Scott, Simmons, Ellis Stokes, Swoyer, Steiner, Geo. Stevenson, Snyder, Stones, W. W. Tucker, Tibbals, Todd, Jas. Thompson, Thos. Thompson, John C. Thompson, Wm. Thompson, W. H. F. Ward, John W. Ward, W. W. Wallace, Wood, Whitaker, Williams, Wolfe, W. M. Worrall, John Weidersheim, Willard, Rob't Wilson, Wright, R. T. Young, and Yoder—total, 131; Past Commander Sellers on Department Staff—total, 132.

There also paraded with Post—Comrade Lindsay, of Post 24, Dept. of Pa., and Comrades Decker, Jones, Johnson, Ledell and Wrightington, of Post No. 7, and Jos. Smith, of Post No. 3, Dept. of Delaware, and Past Commander Gile, of Post No. 40, Dept. of New Jersey. Total, 8—140.

During the evening many of the comrades availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the reception at the Academy of Fine Arts and the large Camp Fire at Industrial Hall, Comrade E. A. Mass representing this Post at the latter, with German recitations. Shortly after eleven o'clock quite a number of the comrades assembled at the Post Rooms to assist in the Camp Fire for the entertainment of our guests, Wilson Post, of Baltimore. Commander Simpson occupied the chair. Commander Geo. B. Creamer, of Wilson Post, was introduced and presented our Post on behalf of Wilson Post with a very handsome piece of shell work, representing an eagle with scroll containing the words, "Wilson Post to Post No. 1," worked in shell, nicely framed. After an hour's entertainment of songs and speeches, Commander Simpson invited the guests up stairs, where ample provisions were made to supply the inner man; and shortly after 12 o'clock, in a very heavy rain storm, the following comrades escorted Wilson Post, No. 1, to Chestnut Street wharf, where they took the steamer for home: Commander Simpson, Senior Vice-Commander Wray, Acting Adjutant Ward, Past Commanders Devinity and Tyler, Sergeant-Major Vogdes, and Comrades Cook, Frish-





muth, Holt, Macfarlane, Jess. C. Moore, Swanwick, Wm. M. Stewart, Lewis Thompson, and Wright.  
Total, 10.

In closing this report, Commander, permitting me to thank you for the ever generous confidence you placed upon me, and to trust that I have no more to add, I am, Sir, your obedient servant, and, if I may be allowed to give expression to my opinion, I would say that the First Regiment, in their appearance, marched better, or gave our friends better satisfaction than they did on Friday last, or were they at any time the recipient of more compliments.

Fraternally, your obedient servant,

JOS. R. C. WARD.

*First Regiment, 1st Division, 1st Army.*

As stated in the report, during the evening of that day the Department of Pennsylvania Head-Quarters gave a reception at the Academy of Fine Arts, Broad and Cherry streets, at which all the invited guests and visitors were present, and thousands of our comrades came there to greet them, and many to shake hands with their old commanders that they had not seen for years. Handsome engraved tickets of admission were issued and furnished each comrade.



*Requests the pleasure of your company  
at its Reception at  
The Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia,  
on Friday evening, October 27<sup>th</sup> 1882 in  
honor of the  
Bi-Centennial Celebration.*



At the same time ; that is, while the reception was being held at the Academy of Fine Arts, a monster camp fire was being held at the Industrial Hall, Broad street, above Vine, which was crowded to overflowing, comrades passing from one to the other making a continuous throng at each place.

On Monday, December 4th, the annual election of officers took place, resulting in the election of Comrade James C. Wray as Commander, 146 votes being polled.

On Friday evening, December 15th, a large delegation of the Post, with band, attended a fair at the Grace Baptist Church, Berks street above Eleventh, where the chaplain of the Post, Rev. C. H. Kimball, is pastor.

The Post decided not to have a public installation of officers for the year 1883, but to have a banquet instead, and Comrades Philip J. Hoffliger, D. H. Garrett and A. J. Sellers were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. As a result of their labors a fine banquet was served at the American Hotel, and reported hereafter.

It was decided to urge upon the Department Encampment the claims of this Post to recognition, and present the name of Past Commander A. J. Sellers for the position of Senior Vice Department Commander. A circular was prepared by the delegates elected, and a copy sent to all the Posts of the Department, and on December 4th the Post adopted a resolution of instructions to its delegates to use all their efforts to secure his election.



During the year forty-seven comrades were mustered into the Post as follows :—

BENJ. L. HILL, GIBBONS FRAME, TIMOTHY A. SLOAN, OWEN H. KRIDER, RICHARD HAMILTON, GEO. T. WILLARD, ROBERT WILSON, ISAAC R. SNYDER, OLIVER S. BELDEN, M. D., REV. HENRY L. WAYLAND, D. D., WM. D. ALLEN, WM. B. HAYWARD, JAMES F. MERRISAN, JOHN A. WEDERSHEIM, EDWARD M. BERING, HENRY W. ROBERTSON, W. MIFFLIN SMITH, ABRAHAM HELLINGS, JOHN C. MARTEL, JAMES M. CHICK, JAMES OAKS, U. S. A., SAMUEL ROBERTS, DAVID H. GARRETT, E. P. HOLMAN, WM. FLAKE, WM. B. ANDERSON, WM. THOMPSON, GILBERT J. LYNCH, HARRY C. O'DONNELL, WM. H. NOE, JACOB H. BEATTIE, ALEXANDER E. DRAKE, U. S. A., JAMES McEWEEN, RICHARD BURR, M. D., HENRY BARR, CHARLES F. RUFF, U. S. A., JOHN HAY, AUDLEY W. GAZZAM, THOMAS H. EATON, JULIUS B. ALLEN, MALCOLM McFARLAN, M. D., J. HENRY CHILDS, W. A. ATWOOD, WM. H. NEILER, WM. C. THIELL, LINDLEY G. SMITH, JONATHAN C. HALLOWELL.

On January 2, 1883, a postal card was sent to each comrade of the Post by the Committee on Installation Supper, Comrades P. J. Hoffinger, A. J. Sellers and D. H. Garrett, announcing that the supper would take place on Monday, January 8th, immediately after the installation of officers, at the American Hotel, Chestnut street above Fifth, about 9 P. M. A large number of comrades were present at the muster of January 8th, to witness the installation of officers, and then to partake of the supper. The Post was opened promptly at 8 o'clock, and, soon after, Comrade Frank Lynch, Past Commander of Post No. 2, detailed to install the officers-elect, was announced, received in due form, and at once installed the following officers for 1883 :—

Commander -  
Senior Vice-Commander  
Junior Vice-Commander  
Adjutant -  
Comrade Treasurer  
Surgeon  
Chaplain  
Committee on the Post  
Committee on the Fund  
Committee on Membership  
Committee on Social  
Committee on

JAMES C. WRAY,  
THOMAS A. STEVENSON,  
ALFRED B. HARRIS,  
DAVID P. WEAVER,  
H. M. MERRITT,  
THOMAS W. DUFFIN, M. D.,  
J. J. NEWELL, M. D.,  
THOMAS A. MILES,  
SAMUEL R. KENT,  
M. W. HARRIS,  
FRANKLIN DUFFIN.



He then turned the Post over to Commander Wray, who directed the Adjutant to publish General Order, No. 1, which announced the election and appointment of the officers named, the standing committee including—

Commander Adjutant General	W. L. SCOTT
Inside Sentinel - - - - -	JOHN SCOTT
Outside Sentinel	EDWARD MILES
Collector	FRANCIS HARRIS
Bugler	HENRY KINGS

### Closing with—

“The Commander thanks the comrades for electing him to the honorable position of Commander, and asks their aid and counsel in the discharge of his duties. Comrades, let us see to it that Post One takes no backward step, and use our best efforts to keep our Post in the position it has attained—the forefront of the Grand Army of the Republic.”

The Post was then closed and the comrades fell in line, and, headed by the Geo. G. Meade Pipe and Drum Corps, marched to the American Hotel, to partake of the supper prepared by the Committee. One hundred and twelve sat down to the feast about 6,30 o’clock. Chaplain I. Newton Ritner invoked the Divine blessing, and all hands set to work to do justice to the prepared menu, that pleasure being enhanced by excellent music furnished by the orchestra.

After nearly two hours thus spent, still greater pleasure was afforded by the few brief, but excellent speeches. Comrade Wendell P. Bowman made a ringing Grand Army speech, making all present appreciate the services of our comrades who saved our country in time of war, and the services of those who now labor so faithfully in the ranks of the Grand Army.

Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward was called upon and spoke as follows:—



**H. EARNEST GOODMAN, M.D.**

**SURGEON GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.**

Entered the service as Surgeon in Chorman's Mounted Rangers (8th Penna. Cavalry), May 1, 1861

Afterwards as Surgeon 28th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, July 24, 1861

Final muster out as Colonel and Medical Director U.S. Volunteers, November 3, 1865

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, December 6, 1867

Elected Post Surgeon May 27, 1871; re-elected January 14, 1872, January 3, 1873, January 10, 1874

January 3, 1875 and December 8, 1875



*Mr. Chairman, members of the Post:*—I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak to you to-night—pleased that you have decided to meet around this festive board and greet each other so pleasantly. I do trust that our experience this evening will be so enjoyable, and so much desired, as to induce us all to meet in this way each succeeding year.

And while we are enjoying ourselves so much, let us stop to think that there is a sad side to this pleasant picture—sad to think that we cannot ALL expect to meet many more times on such occasions as this. The grim sergeant is rapidly mustering our comrades into that Grand Army above, and leaves us saddened by his repeated calls; sad that, within the year just closed, five of our comrades have left us, and one of them, who would have added much to our joy this evening, has gone with them to his eternal rest—Past Commander Ashton. We miss you! but we will ever bear in pleasant memory your manly virtues and your ever ready and willing sacrifices for the welfare of this Post. We also miss you, Comrades Lansing, Bond, McFadden, and Birnbaum. May your sleep be sweet, and your awakening joyous!

Comrades, I am glad that you have selected this time for your first anniversary supper, as it is just fifteen years this week since I was mustered into this Post. Our headquarters then was at No. 1316 Chestnut street, and we numbered about eighty members. I was, within a month, called upon to assume the duties and responsibilities of an officer in the Post, and when I retired from the office of Adjutant, two years ago, I closed an official life of eleven years as Quartermaster, Adjutant, and Commander. Having thus been so active in the life of this Post for so long, you can appreciate with what pleasure I congratulate you to-night on your success and the very prominent position you now occupy as a Post in the Grand Army. And it is my pleasing duty to-night to express to a comrade here, who has contributed so much towards that success, your appreciation of his services, and to substantially convey to him a token of your esteem.

It is with great pleasure that I perform this duty, for we are not only comrades together here in this Post, but we served in the same brigade during the war, and the regiments of that brigade were so closely united and so continuously together that it might almost be called one regiment.

It is also a pleasure for me to perform this duty because, ever since his admission into this Post, we have been closely associated together in most of the labors necessary for the upbuilding of the Post, and on many of the important committees, and I have always found him a most willing and ready co-laborer, responding cheerfully at all times, and to any and all duties; and, as chairman of some of those committees and Commander of the Post, has given entire satisfaction to all of his comrades; and I know, my comrades, that it would afford any of you as much pleasure as it does me to perform this most pleasant duty. I not only give expression to my feelings, but of yours also, when I say to you, Past Commander William J. Simpson, that I have not only the pleasure, but the honor, to bear to you the approving sentence of all your comrades and their good wishes for your long continued life of usefulness, and ask you to accept this handsome gold Past Commander's badge, containing also the corps mark under which you served your country so well, as a token of the esteem in which you are held by your comrades.



Past Commander Simpson received the badge, expressing to the Post his gratification that his efforts to serve them had met with their approval, and returned his thanks for their almost universal support and encouragement given him during his administration, and especially for the beautiful testimonial just presented to him, and to Comrade Ward for the very flattering manner in which he conveyed to him the wishes of his comrades.

Judge Wm. N. Ashman was then introduced and made a very pleasing speech, and closed by presenting Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward with a gold badge, almost the counterpart of the one presented to Comrade Simpson, in recognition of his eleven years' service as Adjutant, Quartermaster, and Commander. Comrade Ward received the same with many thanks to the comrades for their beautiful gift, but refrained from any further remarks, as he had already trespassed so much upon their time.

Rev. J. C. Walker recited a beautiful patriotic poem, which was greatly appreciated by all present. Thus closed one of the most pleasant gatherings of the Post.

At the Department Encampment, convened at Wilkes Barre, Pa., on January 31st, Past Commander A. J. Sellers, of this Post, was elected Senior Vice-Department Commander, and Past Commander William J. Simpson a delegate to the National Encampment.

At muster of February 20th, a very interesting and minute report was presented by Comrades Albert C. Johnston and H. W. B. Hervey, the committee, who, upon their own responsibility, secured and presented to the Post that interesting and valuable relic "Old Baldy"—the head and neck of General Meade's old war horse "Baldy"—and







Past Commander A. J. Sellers conceived the idea of getting up a Post Guard, to be handsomely uniformed, to parade with the Post and act as firing party at funerals, and he was appointed a committee of one to organize said guard, uniform and equip them, and on March 5th, when the Entertainment Committee reported their arrangements for a benefit at the theatre, he asked to have the proceeds of said benefit devoted to the guard. This was amended to allow the guard 50 per cent. Comrade Sellers then resigned as that committee, presenting in writing at the next muster his reasons therefor. Another committee, consisting of Comrades W. Wayne Vogdes, Wm. H. Howard and D. F. Nichols, was appointed. They labored hard but were unable to get the guard organized any further than securing the muskets from the State and uniforming four comrades to act as guard during muster in service.

The Society of the Army of the Potomac meeting in Washington, D. C., this year, on May 16th and 17th, it was thought advisable to have Post 1 attend in a body. A committee was appointed of Comrades W. L. Atlee, B. Frishmuth and P. J. Hofflinger to make arrangements. A circular was sent to all the comrades, but the response was so meager that the idea was given up, and those who attended did so as individuals.

On April 6th Comrade John E. Mann presented the Post with two gavels made from wood taken from the U. S. S. Cumberland, sunk at the mouth of James River by the Confederate ram Merrimac. They were received with the thanks of the Post.

The rapidly increasing membership of the Post since taking the rooms at the southeast corner of Eleventh and Chestnut streets, made









some statistics of General Meade's military career. E. N. Benson had been in the service of the U. S. Army from 1861 to 1865, and was present at the battles of Antietam, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, and the Wilderness. He was also present at the battle of Appomattox, and was one of the few survivors of the battle. He was also present at the battle of Appomattox, and was one of the few survivors of the battle. He was also present at the battle of Appomattox, and was one of the few survivors of the battle.

The report shows that so far the expenses amounted to \$625.00 ; this was subsequently increased to \$713.13, of which \$315.85 were contributed by the comrades. Commander Wray congratulated the Post upon the possession of their handsome quarters and thanked the Council of Administration for the successful termination of their labors, and announced that Comrade E. N. Benson had prepared a lunch for the comrades, which he would ask all to partake of upon the adjournment of the Post.

Comrade E. N. Benson responded to the repeated calls and applause and added his congratulations to those of the Commander, and closed by presenting to the Post a very handsome life size oil painting of General Meade, being the original painting that had been in the possession of the General's family. This additional evidence of the generosity of our comrade produced a prolonged applause, and the following resolutions presented by Comrade G. Harry Davis were unanimously adopted by a rising vote :—

**Resolved.** That the engrossed vote of thanks embrace the assurance that the picture, surrendered by the family of General Meade, to the Post by Comrade E. N. Benson, and the very many other evidences of his interest in the Post, will be ever preserved and valued.

**Resolved.** That the thanks of the Post be extended to Comrade E. N. Benson for his munificent and unselfish gift of the oil painting of General Meade, and the very many other evidences of his interest in its prosperity and advancement, that now adorn the walls of these quarters.

**Resolved.** That the Post, in receiving this portrait, does so in the same spirit of fraternal affection that prompted the family of General Meade to surrender it to the Post, and that the Post, in receiving this portrait, does so in the same spirit of fraternal affection that prompted the family of General Meade to surrender it to the Post, and that the Post, in receiving this portrait, does so in the same spirit of fraternal affection that prompted the family of General Meade to surrender it to the Post.



The Post was then closed and the comrades partook of the lunch provided by Comrade Benson.

Commander Wray, in General Order, No. 2, dated May 10th, gave full instructions for Memorial Day, from which is quoted the following :

It is to our often lamented fate, of our trial human nature, to forget when we should remember, and to ignore what should deserve constant remembrance.

The rapid flight of time effaces the memory of many noble and memorable acts which should stand as eternal monuments of duty nobly done and suffering patiently endured. This is the too frequent tendency after a mighty struggle for a nation-- hereon, or the existence of a republic.

In the first flush of sorrow, and when bereavement is fresh and separation painful, we claim with loving hearts--

"O for a touch of Nature's hand,  
To sooth the sorrowful heart."

and then soon turn away into distraction, and seek quiet oblivion.

It is, however, the glory of the Grand Army of the Republic to preserve the holy mission of recalling its heroic dead, and perpetuating their stainless honor by the services of Memorial Day. This privilege becomes a sacred duty, to cover with flowers the soldiers' graves, where rest our comrades gone before.

And it should be our especial pride to gather every name which once was found on the muster rolls of the great struggle, and to retrace its letters with God's flowers.

From the peerless MEADE, whose name we bear, to the humblest private in the ranks, who, in giving life, gave all he had to give for his country, every sacred mound which covers what was once a hero and a soldier, should receive equal honor at our hands, while we are able to raise them in salute.

A few more years and, in our turn, we shall be commingled with our mother earth, and our names be written in the death list; then content we may be, if, on Memorial Day, our comrades gather round our graves, and sorrowful memories cluster in the thought that we, as soldiers of the Republic, shall be missed and our memories respected.

The order also announced that the Post would attend divine service at the West Spruce Street Presbyterian Church, southwest corner of Seventeenth and Spruce streets, upon the invitation of the pastor, Rev. William P. Breed, D.D., on Sunday evening, May 27th. Therefore the comrades met at the Post Rooms on that evening at 7.30 P.M. and marched to the church; seventy-nine comrades, under Commander



Wray, being present, who listened attentively to an eloquent sermon by the pastor, and the excellent music furnished by the choir.

The following were the committee having in charge the Memorial Day services :—Past Commander A. J. Sellers, chairman; Comrades B. Frishmuth, Thomas Thompson, Colin M. Beale, Lewis W. Moore, James Thompson, W. H. Brown, W. M. Worrall, and Leslie Stones. And the following special committee, which was appointed to assist them :—Past Commander Geo. W. Devinny, Comrades P. J. Hoffliger, C. Irvine Wright, A. T. Clark, Isaiah Price, Wm. E. Coster, Wm. C. Bird, Rob't McBride, Geo. Baskins and H. J. Tibbals.

On May 15th, at the request of the Committee, the Commander issued a circular prohibiting minors, in G. A. R. uniform, parading in the line, also explaining that the families and friends of the comrades could not be permitted on the same boat with the Post from the Park to Laurel Hill, owing to size of boat; and announcing that none but members—active, contributing and honorary—and invited guests, would be admitted.

On May 30th the Post assembled at headquarters, and, at 1.15 P.M., with 171 comrades in line, under Commander Wray, headed by the Keystone Band, marched down Chestnut to Fifth, to Market, to Eighth, to Vine, to Ninth, to Willow, thence by train to Fairmount Park, where the line was re-formed, and marched to Lincoln Monument, where the usual services were held, including an address by Comrade W. W. H. Davis; closing with an anthem by the choristers. Thence by boat to Laurel Hill, where the members marched through the Cemetery, the choristers from the P. E. Church of the Annunciation singing the processional hymn, with band accompaniment.





At the Chapel the services consisted of an address by the Chairman of the Committee, Past Commander A. J. Sellers; prayer by Post Chaplain Rev. I. Newton Ritner; singing by the choristers, and the oration by the Rev. Jos. F. Lovering, Past Chaplain-in-Chief; after which the following hymn, composed for Memorial Day and dedicated to Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, and to the Grand Army of the Republic, by Rev. Jos. F. Lovering, of Mass., orator of the day, was read by Comrade G. Harry Davis:—

THE VALLEY, PLAIN AND HILLSIDE  
 DROPPED THE MARTIAL FEET;  
 THE WINDS OF WINTER WAIL  
 SIGHED THE SILENT SONG.

Where valley, plain and hillside felt  
 The tread of martial feet,  
 Or where the winds of winter  
 The ghosts of heroes meet.

The cottage in the mountain glen  
 Or by the murmuring sea,  
 Hears sighing pines, or plaintive waves  
 Still chaunt their threnody.

WINDS OF WINTER WAIL  
 ECHOES THE MOURNFUL STRAIN,  
 A LOUING, A LOUING SONG  
 THE TENDER, SAD REFRAIN.

God bless those who have fallen,  
 Whose blood has bought the land;  
 O God, who dost not slumber,  
 Bless them who gave their hand.

Bless those they left, and bless the land  
 For which they gave their life;  
 Bless those who have been left behind  
 Shared in the battle's strife.

We'll gather now in broken ranks;  
 We'll make our solemn rounds;  
 And wreath our Comrades' cherished graves  
 Until our "Pack up" sounds.

LET US GATHER NOW IN BROKEN RANKS;  
 THAT GILDS THE STORIED PAST;  
 WE'LL MAKE OUR SOLEMN ROUNDS;  
 WHICH, LONG AS LIFE, SHALL LAST.

Then followed the usual services at the grave of General Meade by Comrades J. A. Stevenson, Alex. Reed, Isaiah Price, and Chaplain I. Newton Ritner, following a brief address by Commander Wray.

In compliance with General Order No. 3 from Post Headquarters, the comrades assembled at Post rooms on Wednesday, July 4th,



**REV. I. NEWTON RITNER.**

CHAPLAIN GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Private in Co. I, 4th Reg't Penna. A. Infantery, September 3, 1861.

First Muster out as First Lieutenant and Brevet Captain Co. A, 4th Reg't Penna. Vols., November 27, 1863.

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, June 27, 1881.

Elected Chaplain, December 4, 1882; re-elected December 7, 1885, December 6, 1886, December 5, 1887,

December 3, 1888, December 2, 1889.

to proceed to Germantown, to participate in the ceremonies of the unveiling of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. 81 comrades, under Commander Wray, reported, and with the Keystone Band marched to 9th and Green streets, and took train for Germantown. After the parade, proceeded to the mansion and grounds of the Workingmen's Club and partook of a cold lunch, and returned to the city after 7 o'clock, P.M.

On July 31st the Post attended the funeral of Comrade Louis J. Boos and wife, who were instantly killed in a railroad accident at Carl yon station, N. Y., on their return home from a pleasure trip to Niagara Falls. The services were held in the chapel of the Eleventh Baptist Church, Diamond street below 22d. Post Chaplain I. Newton Ritner, the pastor, was assisted in the services by the Rev. W. H. Humphreys and Rev. J. W. Booth. Owing to the uncertainty as to the time the bodies would reach Philadelphia and the haste required for their interment, owing to their condition, no time was given to send out notices, and but 38 comrades, under Commander Wray, were present, with the Geo. G. Meade Fife and Drum Corps. The Funeral Committee sent to the church a handsome floral design. The services at the church were unusually impressive and solemn, bearing upon the sudden and unexpected death of man and wife necessitating a double funeral of those who had left but a few days before in perfect health and in anticipation of so much pleasure.

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#### Louis J Boos

Comrade Louis J. Boos was born in New York City, N. Y., on July 29, 1854. He was a member of the Post since 1887. He died on July 29, 1887, at Carl yon station, N. Y., after a short illness.

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At muster of September 10th, Past Commander Sellers presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—

**Resolved,** That this Post deprecates the violation of the Sabbath by Post of the Grand Army in observing that sacred day as one of their regular camp meetings, and that it is a proper and necessary violation of the laws of God, and of the Government, and is entirely contrary to the principles and fundamental to the interests of our Order.

**Resolved,** That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Department Head-Quarters in the hopes that measures may be promptly taken to stop practices so repugnant.

At the same muster, on motion of Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, a committee of five was appointed to secure a burial lot for use of the Post in one of the cemeteries, upon the best terms. On November 17, 1884, Comrade Ward reported that Comrade Benj. W. Richards, Secretary and Treasurer of Laurel Hill Cemetery Company, had presented the Post with two fine lots 22 x 16, in Section "Q," Central Laurel Hill.

On Wednesday, October 24th, the Post paraded to take part in the services of Grand Army Day. The members assembled at headquarters in pursuance to General Orders No. 14, from Commander Wray, at 1:15 P. M. Soon after the line was formed with 78 comrades under Commander Wray, and headed by the "EVENING CALL" Band, kindly donated to the Post without expense by Robert S. Davis, Esq., the proprietor of the "EVENING CALL" marched down Chestnut to 8th, to Market, to 7th, passing the publication office of the "EVENING CALL" and paying a marching salute to Mr. Davis, to Walnut, to Broad, to Christian, the point of formation. Soon after, the column moved and proceeded up Broad street to Chestnut, to 5th, to Market, to Broad, to Columbia avenue, and countermarched to Spring Garden street and dismissed.









Lewis W. Moore and Isaiah Price, Comrade Moore receiving 128 and Comrade Price 122 votes.

The muster of December 17th was devoted to a memorial service of the deceased comrades of the Post ; sixteen having died since the re-organization of the Post in 1869. A complete record of the services of each in the army, as well as in the Post, was prepared and read by the Adjutant.

After this followed responsive reading and chanting by Post Chaplain Rev. I. Newton Ritner and the choir, and finally a memorial address by Comrade G. Harry Davis. The rooms were admirably draped and the service was very impressive. The music was admirably and effectively rendered by the Corinthian Quartette of Messrs. Briscoe, Graff, Roden and Ford.

The following are the deceased comrades in whose honor the services were held : Past Commanders James Heslet and Thomas J. Ashton ; Officer of the Day Wilbur F. Geer ; Quartermaster Morris Briggs ; and Comrades H. F. Birnbaum, Jos. Bond, Louis J. Boos, Joseph P. Dinan, Geo. S. Duncan, Jesper H. Holman, James M. Linnard, Henry S. Lansing, James McFadden, Jacob Stein, James Starr and Alfred Vezin.

The Committee having the arrangements in charge consisted of Comrade G. Harry Davis, chairman, Comrades C. Irvine Wright, Frank Glading, B. Frishmuth, Wm. McGonigle and Geo. W. Devinny.

On Saturday, December 29th, was given the entertainment to the children of the members of the Post, and it was a grand success. About 250 children were present, and as many adults. The programme consisted of music, singing, legerdemain tricks, and the Marionettes, all



under the management of Comrade Frank Glading. Fruit and mixtures were presented to each child, and the Committee to whom the arrangements were committed—Comrades Wray, Frishmuth, Glading and Hoffliker—were so convinced of the success and popularity of the occasion, that they recommended it be one of the permanent entertainments and placed in the hands of the Entertainment Committee each year.

Forty two comrades were mustered into the Post during the year, as follows :—

JOHN G. JOHNSTON, JAMES LE SAGE, THEODORE RUE, LEIDY BILGER, JOHN F. HASSETT, WM. J. GRANT, JAMES PATTERSON, THOMAS LYNCH, JOSEPH FREEBORN, HARRY K. REBERT, JAVEN H. F. MOLTEN, JOHN VAN KIRK, CHAS. E. NOCK, FRANCIS A. DAVIES, ERNEST SCHLIGEL, WM. A. DELANEY, JAMES DUNSEITH, HERMAN FELLMAN, CHAS. R. SALLADE, JAMES D. NEVINS, E. M. KEELEY, A. D. MACKEY, WM. F. LEIFRIED, ROBERT C. OGDEN, FRANCIS H. SNYDER, CHAS. F. CRANE, CHRISTIAN KLEIN, JOSEPH McDONNELL, FRANCIS H. PEPPER, LOUIS P. LANGER, LESTER NEILER, J. K. TYSON, HARRY K. RIEHLE, PELETIAH FITCH, M.D., NATHAN ROSENFELT, PHILIP D. FOWLER, HARRY H. ROTH, ROBERT G. BLACK, JOHN BLAIR, MARKS WEIL, ALVIN B. FELT AND L. B. STOUGHTON.

On January 7th the officers for the year 1884 were duly installed by Senior Vice Department Commander A. J. Sellers, Past Commander of this Post, who was detailed for that purpose by the Department Commander.

Before commencing the installation ceremonies Comrade G. Harry Davis, on behalf of the comrades of the Post, presented the retiring Commander, James C. Wray, with a handsome gold Grand Army Badge with his monogram on it, set with diamonds, in consideration of his services as Commander for the past year. Past Commander Wray received the same in a short address, giving a resume of his administration. The following officers were then duly installed :—



Commander	LEW. A. STEVENSON
Senior Vice Commander - - - - -	ALEXANDER REED
Junior Vice Commander	LEWIS W. MOORE
Adjutant	DAVID P. WEAVER
Quartermaster	H. M. MANNING
Surgeon	ARTHUR L. LINDSEY, M.D.
Chaplain	G. HARVEY DAVIS
Officer of the Day	W. WAYNE VOGDES
Officer of the Guard	JOHN E. JOHNSON
Sergeant Major	WM. H. HOWARD
Quartermaster Sergeant	A. M. ATTELL

The Post was then turned over to Commander Stevenson, who thanked the comrades for electing him as Commander and asked their hearty co-operation for the ensuing year, and then placed the meeting under the charge of Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, Chairman of the Committee on Installation.

After a musical selection on the piano, by Comrade Frank Glading, followed a recitation by Miss Julia Tibbals, "The Jiner," and soprano solo by Miss Kate Sheain. Both were so well received as to necessitate an encore.

Past Commander Ward then presented, on behalf of the comrades of the Post, gold badges to the retiring Officer of the Guard, Samuel R. Kent; Quartermaster-Sergeant, Fred'k V. Holt, and Outside Sentinel John E. Mann, in recognition of their faithful services, in the discharge of their respective duties, each bearing the insignia of their respective offices. Adjutant David P. Weaver then presented the retiring Sergeant Major, Comrade W. Wayne Vogdes, with a diamond stud, in consideration of the able assistance rendered to him as Adjutant. Rev. Waldo Messaros recited Longfellow's "King Robert of Sicily," and, later in the evening, "Little Bridges" and "Rose of Eden." Mr. Newton gave some excellent music on the piano, includ-



ing an imitation of the life and death, and at 10.45 P.M. the entertainment closed, all present being well pleased.

On January 14th Commander Stevenson issued General Order, No. 1, announcing the officers elected and appointed, as stated above, also the standing committees, and the election of Comrade James Thompson to the Council of Administration, and closed as follows:—

“I am glad to see that the support of the committees is not only from the committees, but from each individual comrade. With this support, generously and willingly extended, there can be no doubt of the success of the cause.”

On February 7th the Post was called upon to pay the last sad tribute of respect to another comrade who had gone to his long rest, Comrade Wm. K. Macferran, who died on February 3d. The Post turned out forty-six comrades, under the command of Past Commander L. D. C. Tyler, leaving headquarters about half-past one o'clock, with Beck's Band, and marched to 12th and Sanson streets and took the cars to the late residence of the comrade, 19th and Columbia avenue, being joined there by the old guard of the 2d Regiment, N. G. of Pa., under Captain Jacob G. Hight, and Company G, of the 2d Regiment, N. G. of Pa., under Captain G. T. Hughes, acting as escort. The remains were conducted to Middle Laurel Hill Cemetery, where they were interred with full Grand Army ceremonies, the escort firing the salute.

**William K. Macferran** was born in Scotland, June 1, 1833. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was discharged therefrom September 1, 1893. He was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post, N. G. of Pa., at Philadelphia, Pa., and was discharged therefrom September 1, 1893.





At the Department Encampment, held at Lancaster, Past Commander A. J. Sellers was elected Delegate to the National Encampment, and, shortly afterward, the new Department Commander, F. H. Dyer, appointed Comrade Wendell P. Bowman, of this Post, Judge Advocate of the Department.

At muster of February 11th, on motion of Past Commander Geo. W. Devinny, a committee of three was appointed to co operate with the committees of other Posts or organizations in the obsequies of Mr. Geo. W. Boyd, one of the crew of the wrecked Arctic steamer "Jeanette," whose remains were expected to arrive in the city soon. Committee—Comrades Devinny, Reed and Moore. At the same muster the Post, by resolution, decided to parade as a Post, at the funeral, which took place on Friday, February 22d, Washington's Birthday, and turned out 51 comrades under Commander Stevenson, with Washington Grays Band.

On Monday, March 17th, Post No. 2 paid a fraternal visit to our Post, bringing nearly 100 comrades, under Commander M. E. Fagan. Business was hurried through and a Camp Fire opened with Comrade Glading, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, in the chair. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all, enlivened by recitations and army stories by the comrades of each Post. Shortly after 10 o'clock a recess was taken and all hands repaired to the parlor where refreshments were served, after which the good time continued until a late hour.

On Tuesday, May 13th, the Post attended the funeral, in carriages, of Comrade Audley W. Gazzam, who died on May 10th, escorting the remains to Broad Street Station, Pennsylvania Railroad, to be con-



veyed to Washington, Pa., for cremation. Twenty one comrades were present.

**Audley W. Gazzam** was born in Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania. Entered as Master, 1st Regt., Penna. Vols., on the 24 day of March, 1862; also, Master 5th Regt., U. S. V. Corps. Was killed April 22d, 1865. Was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, November 6, 1882, and died May 10, 1884, aged 48 years. Buried at Utica, New York.

On May 1st the Committee on Memorial Day issued the following circular:—



**Circular.**

HEAD-QUARTERS GEO. G. MEADE POST, NO. 1,

DEPT. OF PENNA., C. O. A. R.,

NO. 116, CHICHESTER STREET,

PHILADELPHIA, May 1, 1884.

Comrades:—The 30th of the present month is the day set apart by the Grand Army of the Republic, the National and State authorities, for the services of the memorial to the dead. Surely no day has, or should have, a greater hold on the affections of the comrades of our Post, than this on which we are called to remember those who died in the great strife of '61-'5, and who so willingly yielded up their lives for the land they loved.

We keep green and strew with flowers the graves of our loved ones, and hold memorials on each anniversary of their death; how much then does it become the duty of each and every comrade to help in the same memorial of our country's dead. The committee appeals to you, your patriotism, your love to our Post; by the memories of past danger and sacrifices, and by the duty left to the living by the dead, that you meet with the other comrades and assist in the duties of Memorial Day. Will you do so? We ask from you a prompt and willing affirmative response. It is our desire that Post One shall on that day turn out at least three hundred comrades, and thus reflect credit and honor on the dead, on our Order, and on ourselves. Let no weak or frivolous excuse prevent you, but remembering the sacrifices you once so willingly made, devote the day, if it need be, to the duties of the solemn occasion.

On the Sunday afternoon previous (25th inst.), at 4 o'clock, the Rev. Wm. N. McVickar, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Walnut streets, will, by invitation, deliver the Memorial sermon and conduct the services that precede Memorial Day. The Post will meet, as per General Order, at the Post room at 3 o'clock P. M., on Monday, May 6, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The committee earnestly requests that each and every comrade will attend both this service at the



need be no fear for the result.

Yours in F., C. and L.

M. Beale, Frank Glading, James Thompson, Albert Super, William C. Bird, W. H. Brown, Paul B. Barnes, W. H. Nice,

General Order No. 1, of same date, made the usual announcements for Memorial Day.

The committee, with the usual care and much labor, made all the arrangements necessary to enable the Post to do credit to itself and fittingly observe the day.

In accordance with the above order the Post attended divine service at the Holy Trinity P. E. Church, corner of 19th and Walnut streets, on Sunday afternoon, May 25th, at 4 o'clock, 80 comrades attending under Commander Stevenson, and listened to a very eloquent sermon by the Rev. Wm. Neilson McVickar, D.D., the rector.

On Memorial Day the Post formed on Girard street, and about 1 o'clock, with 165 comrades in line under Commander Stevenson having the *Evening Call* Band, took up the line of march down 12th to Walnut, to Broad, to Spring Garden, to 21st, to Park, to Lincoln Monument, where a halt was made and the usual services held, including an address by Comrade Chas. C. Lister.

The boat was then taken to Laurel Hill, thence through the Cemetery, with the choristers of St. Mark's P. E. Church singing, with band accompaniment, as a processional hymn—

dedicated to the G. A. R. by Mr. J. A. Gardiner, to the Chapel, where the usual services were held, consisting of prayer by Rev. I. Newton



Ritner Acting Post Chaplain officiated by Comrade W. W. H. Brown, the choristers singing "The night is far spent, the day is at hand;" and a short address by Commander Stevenson.

After the decorating of the graves of all deceased soldiers and sailors in North, Central and South Laurel Hill Cemeteries, the Post re-assembled and proceeded to the grave of General Meade, which was elaborately decorated, and performed the Grand Army services, Comrades Alexander Reed, Lewis W. Moore, Isaiah Price, and Chaplain I. Newton Ritner officiating. The Post then returned by boat to Fairmount Park, and thence to headquarters and dismissed.

On June 2d Adjutant David P. Weaver was granted a leave of absence until September, and Sergeant-Major Wm. H. Howard was appointed Adjutant *pro tem.*, and Comrade Isaiah Price Sergeant-Major.

George G. Meade Post, No. 1, at Denver, Colorado, being desirous of having a good picture of General Meade, wrote to this Post for one. A committee was appointed to get one; and in due season forwarded it to them, together with a picture of "Old Baldy," from Comrade A. C. Johnston; and, under date of July 4th, they acknowledged receipt of same, returning their thanks to this Post and to Comrade Johnston.

On August 28th Comrade Robert H. Ford died, having for five years been a helpless invalid from paralysis. The Post took charge of the funeral and buried him at Central Laurel Hill Cemetery, with full Grand Army services—51 comrades, under Commander Stevenson, with an escort of 14 men from the 2d Regiment, N. G. of Pa., under Lieutenant Shober, the Association of the 106th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and the National Cornet Band of Frankford, Pa.

Comrade Ford, until stricken down with the disease that finally













standing until the long line of "veterans" filed in and were formed in front of the altar. Commander Stevenson welcomed them in an address overflowing with eulogies of their heroic services, and the pleasure Post No. 1 enjoyed by their presence. This was responded to by the Commander of the Corps, General Geo. W. Devinny, who thought Post No. 1 would feel proud of the honor paid them by the visit of so distinguished an organization, who were on their way to celebrate their "once anniversary" at Dooner's favorite retreat, and stopped over to pay this visit to Post No. 1.

All business had to be suspended and Commander Devinny was called to the chair. Then followed a number of witty speeches, music and amusement, and the presentation to this Post of a framed portrait of General Hancock, from Comrade A. T. Clark; a sword from the battlefield of Bull Run, from Comrade Francis H. Pepper; a cup to Comrade L. W. Moore; and, finally, the "veterans" presented their riddled flag, under whose shadows their valuable services were rendered during their long term of service.

At a late hour the "veterans" took their departure for the still more pleasant active service, of an assault on the cuisine fortifications of Dooner's. It is perhaps proper to state that all the members of this burlesque organization are members of Meade Post No. 1, organized to contribute towards the entertainment of the Post in addition to their own amusement, each year paying a fraternal visit to the Post.

General Orders No. 4, from Post Headquarters, assembled the Post on Thursday, September 18, Grand Army Day, and to take part in the ceremonies of the unveiling of the equestrian statue of Major-General John Fulton Reynolds, on the northern front of the Public



Buildings, Broad and Filbert streets. In compliance with same, sixty-five comrades reported for duty, and, shortly after 9 o'clock, under Commander Stevenson, marched to point of formation, Broad and Walnut streets.

Soon after, the column started, passing around the Public Buildings, paying a marching salute to the Reynolds Statue and continuing up Broad street to the State Agricultural Fair, Broad and Lohigh avenue, and then dismissed; the rest of the day being spent in viewing the many objects of interest there exhibited.

At muster of October 13th, the following, presented by Past Commander Wray, was unanimously adopted:—

**Whereas,** That upon the petition of the said John C. Thompson, presented by him to the Senate of the State of New York from this Post; therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That the members of the Department of Past Senior Vice-Department Commander A. J. Sellers for the honored position of Department Commander, and that the Delegates use their influence to secure his election.

On Wednesday, November 5th, the Post attended the funeral of Comrade Jacob H. Beattis, from his late residence, 1832 South Seventh street, who died on November 2d, and proceeded to Union Vault, Sixth and Federal streets. Twenty-eight comrades participated, under Commander Stevenson.

**Jacob H. Beattis**, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hart) Beattis, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1882, and died November 2, 1884, aged 60 years. Buried at Union Cemetery, Philadelphia.

At muster of November 17th Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, Chairman of the Burial Lot Committee, presented resolutions of thanks





to Comrade Benj. W. Richards, for his kindness in presenting to the Post two fine burial lots in Laurel Hill Cemetery. They were unanimously adopted and the Committee authorized to have them suitably engrossed. This was done in the form of a handsome album of Russia leather, stamped in gold, and included the following letter of transmittal :—

Colonel BENJ. W. RICHARDS, 524 Walnut Street.

PHILADELPHIA, January 5, 1885

*Dear Sir and Comrade:* We have the pleasure to transmit to you the following Resolutions, unanimously adopted by the POST, in consideration of your liberal response to the needs of the Post, in

**DONATING A SUITABLE BURYING PLACE  
FOR**

**OUR DECEASED COMRADES.**

Fraternally yours in F. C. and F.,

JOS. R. C. WARD, *Chairman.*

GEO. W. DEVINNY,

LEWIS W. MOORE,

FRANK GLADING,

THOMAS THOMSON,

ISAIAH PRICE, *Secretary.*

*Comptroller*

*Burial Lot of*

*G. W. Devinny*

*Price, A. C.*

HEADQUARTERS GEO. G. MEADE POST, No. 1,

DEPARTMENT OF PENNA., G. A. R.,

PHILADELPHIA, November 17, 1884

At a regular muster of the Post, held this evening, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

**Resolved,** That the thanks of this Post are due and are hereby tendered to  
COMRADE BENJ. W. RICHARDS

for his generous donation to the Post of

**TWO BURIAL LOTS IN SECTION Q OF MIDDLE LAUREL HILL CEMETERY.**

**Resolved,** That a copy of these Resolutions, duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Post, be forwarded by the Burial Lot Committee to COMRADE RICHARDS.

[SEAL.]

DAVID P. WEAVER,

*Secretary.*

JOHN A. STEVENSON,

*Chairman.*

On Monday, November 17th, Comrade John W. Pritchard, who died on November 13th, was buried at Fernwood Cemetery. As the family requested that the interment should be private, the Post did not turn out.



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**John W. Fritchard** was born in Kent County, S. C., May 21, 1839; enlisted in Co. A, 5th Reg't Del. Vols., on the sixth day of November, 1862; also, private Co. II, 7th Reg't, Del. Vols.; was discharged August 12, 1864. He was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, February 17, 1879, and died November 12, 1884, aged 45 years. Buried at Fernwood Cemetery, Delaware County, Pa.

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On Friday evening, November 21st, the annual benefit of the Post was given at the Chestnut Street Theatre, when Miss Minnie Palmer appeared in "My Sweetheart." Comrade James Thompson was chairman of the committee, and realized \$332.38, to be used towards refurbishing the Post Rooms.

On Friday evening, November 28th, a large delegation of the Post attended the Fair and Bazaar of the First Regiment, N. G. P., upon the invitation of Comrade Theo. E. Weidersheim, the Colonel Commanding.

On Monday, December 1st, the annual election of officers took place and Comrade Alexander Reed was elected Commander, 164 votes being cast. The usual contest centered on the Junior Vice-Commander, between Comrades John A. Weidersheim and W. Wayne Vogdes, and the first ballot resulted in a tie, both receiving 82 votes. On the second ballot Comrade Weidersheim was elected by a majority of nine votes.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 3d, the annual children's festival, known as the "Children's Hour," was held at the Post Room, and, as usual, was crowded with the children of our comrades and their families. An interesting entertainment was given, and each child was presented with candy and fruit.



**ALEXANDER REED.**

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Private, Co. H, 10th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, April 27, 1861

And as Private Co. A, 90th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, September 24, 1861

Promoted to Sergeant and transferred to V. R. Corps

Final Muster out as Sergeant Co. A, 14th Reg't V. R. C., September 20, 1864

Wounded in breast at Antietam, Md., September 17, 1862

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, September 15, 1879

Elected Quartermaster, December 5, 1881

Elected Junior Vice-Commander, December 4, 1882

Elected Senior Vice-Commander, December 3, 1883

Elected Commander, December 1, 1884

Elected Delegate to National Encampment for 1887

The following are the thirty-two comrades who were mustered in the Post during the year 1884:—

WM. H. BRISTOW, G. W. FREDERICK, A. J. DOTY, WILLIAM BESSONETT, H. D. STRAW, WILLIAM H. LINDSAY, JOHN L. LUCKENBACH (re-elected), JAMES W. PENNINGTON, JOHN FOX, LOUIS WEINER, EDWARD N. RUE, MELACHON L. FRINK, HENRY SIMMONS, CHAS. L. COOPER, THOMAS J. THOMPSON, ISAAC R. OAKFORD, ALBERT ARMSTRONG, C. S. MAGRATH, HENRY C. SINEX, WM. L. GAUL, CHARLES A. BRICK, FREDERICK GUYER, JOHN R. SHREVE, M.D., EUGENE C. KOERNER, WM. H. TYRRELL, H. B. BUTCHER, M.D., GEO. H. S. UHLER, E. RESSE MOORE, WM. J. KELLY, JOHN P. STAMBAUGH, JOSEPH KERIN, U.S.A., ANTHONY W. VOGDES, U.S.A.

The officers-elect conceived the idea of giving a New Year's reception to the comrades of the Post, and invitations were sent out inviting them and their ladies to be present at the Post Rooms on Thursday, January 1, 1885, from 2 to 6 P. M. This was generally accepted, and the Post Rooms were crowded all the afternoon with the comrades and friends. The wives and daughters of the officers were present, assisting in serving refreshments, and Comrade Glading furnished music to add to the enjoyment. This was the inauguration of the custom that has ever since been kept up each year by the incoming officers.

On Monday, January 5th, a public installation of the officers took place, Comrade E. F. Saxton, Past Commander of Post No. 51, officiating as mustering officer, and duly installed the following officers:—

Commander	ALFRED E. BROWN
Senior Vice-Commander	LEWIS M. SARGENT
Junior Vice-Commander	LESLIE A. WELCH, M.D.
Adjutant	EDWARD W. LIPP
Quartermaster	HENRY M. MANNING
Surgeon	CHAS. W. HORTON, M.D.
Chaplain	C. F. ALLEN
Organist of the Post	ALFRED C. THOMPSON
Organist of the Church	ALFRED C. THOMPSON
Sergeant-Major	WILLIAM H. HORTON
Organist of the Church	EDWARD C. THOMPSON



The Post was then turned over to Commander Reed, who expressed his gratitude to the comrades for the honor conferred upon him; realizing the many responsibilities and the arduous duties of the office, he would endeavor to discharge his duties, to the best of his ability, for the best interest of the Post. He then turned the meeting over to Comrade Frank Glading, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, who presented a fine vocal and instrumental concert for the entertainment of those present, during which Comrade Wendell P. Bowman presented the retiring Commander, John A. Stevenson, with a handsome gold badge on behalf of the comrades of the Post, in recognition of his services as Commander during the year just past. Past Commander Stevenson received the same in one of his humorous speeches, returning his thanks for same and expressing his gratitude to the comrades for their kind support during his term of office, and eulogized the new Commander, urging a continuance of the same generous support given him.

Junior Vice Commander Weidersheim then presented Comrade Frank Glading with a beautiful gold badge, as a token of esteem from his comrades, for his faithful services as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, which was received by Comrade Glading, returning his thanks to the comrades of the Post for their kind remembrance and beautiful souvenir.

At muster of January 12th, Comrade Henry E. Borell resigned as Quartermaster Sergeant and Comrade John G. Johnston was appointed his successor and duly installed.

At the same muster Commander Reed issued General Order No.





1, announcing the officers elected and appointed, including the following as

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Past Commander A. J. SULLIVAN, COMMODORE,

Comrade B. FRIEDMUTH,

Comrade JOHN W. WARD,

" JAMES THOMPSON,

Past Commander L. D. C. TYLER.

Also the standing committees for the year.

At the same time a circular was issued announcing that on January 19th, and each muster thereafter, the new By Laws would be taken up and acted upon until disposed of.

At muster of January 26th resolutions were adopted urging upon the Meade Memorial Association the advantage of erecting the Meade Statue in the city, and, if possible, at the northern entrance of the Public Buildings, Broad and Filbert streets, to correspond with that of General Reynolds. Also a resolution approving of the bill passed by the United States Senate providing for the reappointment of our comrade, Ulysses S. Grant, as a General in the United States Army. Copies of the same were sent, with a letter, to our Congressmen, Gen. Henry H. Bingham, Charles O'Neill, Samuel J. Randall, William D. Kelley, and Alfred C. Harmer, asking them to use their influence to secure its passage through the House of Representatives. Replies were received from each, expressing their willingness to cheerfully support the bill, which was subsequently passed almost unanimously. Letters of thanks were then sent to each of the above Congressmen for their support of the bill, and the replies received were entered in full upon the Minutes.

At muster of February 2d, the sudden death on that day of our comrade, Thos. F. B. Tapper, late Colonel 4th Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves, was announced to the Post. Appropriate remarks were



made by Past Commanders Simpson, Ward and Stevenson, Comrade Isaiah Price and Commander Reed. Comrade Tapper was one of the oldest members of the Post, always taking an active part in its welfare and contributing liberally towards its support, and his sudden death deeply affected his many friends. Commander Reed issued General Order No. 2, dated February 4, announcing his death as follows:—

“That the death of our comrade was sudden and unexpected; mustered out without a moment's warning; casting a gloom over our Post at the loss of one so much beloved.”

And requesting the comrades to attend his funeral on Friday afternoon, February 6th, at one o'clock. A large delegation of the Post was present and escorted the remains to Laurel Hill Cemetery, where they were buried with full Grand Army service.

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**Thomas F. B. Tapper** was born in Germantown, Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the service as Captain Co. G, 4th Regiment, Pennsylvania, Reserves, on the 29th day of May, 1864; was wounded at Charles City Cross Roads and Malvern Hill, Va., and at South Mountain, Md.; held the offices of Lieutenant-Colonel and Colonel, and was finally discharged June 17, 1864. He was mustered into Post No. One, Department of Pennsylvania, May 31, 1867; re-elected December 5, 1881; and died February 2, 1885, aged 61 years. Buried at South Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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On Monday, February 23d, Department Commander Austin Curtin paid an official visit to the Post, accompanied by several members of his staff. He was received in due form, subsequently introduced to the Post, and made a brief address. Remarks were also made by Past Department Commander John M. Vanderslice, Assistant Quartermaster General Williams, Comrade Thad. L. Vanderslice, of Post No. 2, and Past Commander A. J. Sellers and Comrade G. Harry Davis, of this Post.

On February 28th Comrade Marks Weil died. He was buried by



the Post on Tuesday, March 3d, at Fernwood Cemetery, Delaware County.

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**Marks Weil** was born in Prussia, State of Posen, Prussia. He entered the service as Private, Co. G, 20th Regiment, Penna. Vol., on the 1st day of September, 1861, was discharged on General Order 11, 1865. He was mustered into Co. G, Mend. Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, Co. 123, 1882, and died February 28, 1885, aged 48 years. Buried at Fernwood Cemetery, Delaware County, Penna.

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At muster of March 9th Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward presented the following preamble and resolutions:—

**Whereas**, This Post has learned, with feelings of profound sympathy and deep regret, of the severe illness of our comrade, whom not only this nation, but the whole world delights to honor; and

**Whereas**, The Visiting Committee of this Post are unable to show the interest of the Post in the welfare of our comrade by visiting him at least once a week; therefore be it

**Resolved**, That the said committee be directed to address a communication to our comrade, U. S. Grant, informing him of our sympathy for him in his affliction, and request that we may be informed, from time to time by mail, of his condition, that his comrades, as they meet together each week, may secure direct information as to the health of their late commander.

These were adopted unanimously, and the Chairman of the Visiting Committee was directed to convey in person the resolutions to Comrade Grant.

At the next muster, Senior Vice-Commander Moore, Chairman of that Committee, reported that he had conveyed the resolutions to the residence of Comrade Grant, where he was kindly received by his son, Colonel Fred. D. Grant, who assured him that his father always appreciated the fraternal interest of his old comrades, and that in regard to his health the Associated Press reports could be relied upon. On April 6th a letter was received from Colonel Grant, formally acknowledging receipt of the resolutions and stating "that General Grant thanks the Members of the Post for their kindness and sympathy."



On Monday, March 23d, the Post was the recipient, through Comrades B. Frishmuth and Robert S. Wharton, M. D., of a very handsome plaster equestrian statuette of General Meade, from Messrs. Zimmerman and Nixon, Lessees of the Chestnut Street Opera House, with the following letter:—

GREENSBORO, FULLY 10. 1. 85, March 23, 1885

*The Officers of the Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania.*

Gentlemen:—We feel happy to have your acceptance of the handsome plaster statuette of the late General George G. Meade, after whom your Post is named. We feel sure it will be gratifying to you to have this in your beautiful rooms, and we cannot make any disposition of it that will be more worthy of this great General, who must live forever in the hearts of his countrymen, and whose memory is especially dear to us who are associated with him in our deathless names.

Yours truly,

ZIMMERMAN & NIXON.

Comrade Wharton presented the gift, which was received by Commander Reed on behalf of the Post, and he appointed Comrades Robert S. Wharton, B. Frishmuth and Past Commander A. J. Sellers, a committee to draft a resolution expressive of the gratitude of the Post. This was suitably engrossed and presented to Messrs. Zimmerman & Nixon.

On March 30th, Comrade Richard Burr, M. D., died. He was buried by the Post on April 2d.

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**Richard Burr, M. D.**, was born in Camden, State of New Jersey. He entered the service as Surgeon of the 72d Regiment, Penna. Vols., on the 1st day of November, 1861, and was discharged February 18, 1862. He was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, October 23, 1882, and died March 30, 1885. He was buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa. Removed in 1886 to North Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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On April 27th the Post adopted a resolution of congratulation to our Comrade, U. S. Grant, on the completion of the sixty-third year of his life, and sent it with a beautiful floral offering to him, to his residence in New York City.





At muster of May 4th, the death of another Comrade was announced—Comrade Jacob H. Gilmore, who died suddenly on May 1st. General Orders No. 4 announced the same to the members of the Post, requesting them to attend the funeral on May 6th. Fifty-two comrades responded and escorted the remains to Evergreen Cemetery, South Camden, marching from his late residence to Market street ferry, taking the boat to Camden and then coaches to the cemetery.

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**Jacob H. Gilmore** was born in Camden, State of New Jersey. He entered the service as Private in Co. I, 6th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, on the 20th day of August, 1861, and was discharged September 14, 1864. He was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, July 7, 1881, and died May 1, 1885, aged 51 years. Buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Camden, New Jersey.

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The Committee on Memorial Day for 1885, of which Past Commander Wm. J. Simpson was Chairman, consisted of Comrades W. Wayne Vogdes, Secretary; B. Frishmuth, Treasurer; James Thompson, Colin M. Beale, Edward N. Rue, Daniel T. Nichols and Past Commanders George W. Devinny and A. J. Sellers; to which was afterwards added a special committee of Comrades Chas. W. Houghton, M. D., John Blair, Geo. H. S. Uhler, Leslie Stones, William H. Nee, Geo. E. Paul, Jacob K. Swoyer and Henry C. Sinex.

On May 1st they issued a circular announcing that Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 38, of New York, would be the guests of our Post on Memorial Day, urging the comrades to make liberal contributions and zealous efforts to collect subscriptions to defray the extra expenses which the presence of our visitors would necessarily entail upon the committees. The circular contained the following:—

“Memorial Day affords the opportunity to all good citizens of joining hands with those who went forth in the dark days of the Rebellion to do battle for the Nation's life, in placing our tribute of flowers, with



befitting ceremonies, on the graves of those who rest, and to recall the patriotic devotion of the heroic dead who sleep in unmarked graves on the fields where they fell amidst war's carnage."

On May 14th, General Orders No. 5, issued by Senior Vice Commander Moore, in the absence of Commander Reed on account of sickness, announced, among other things, that, in compliance with the resolution adopted by the Post, the members would attend divine service on Sunday evening, May 24th, at St. Jude's P. E. Church, Franklin street, above Brown. Accordingly, the comrades, seventy-five in number, assembled at the Post Rooms on that evening, and proceeded to the church and listened to an appropriate sermon by the Rector, Rev. W. H. Graff, and to some excellent singing by the choristers.

General Orders No. 6, dated May 25th, gave full instructions for the services of Memorial Day, the names of those who would address the comrades, the route of the parade, and the time and place of the banquet in the evening, to be given to our visitors, Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 38, of New York; and under the same date Commander Reed issued the following circular:—

PHILA., PHILA. MAY 28, 1885

*Comrade:* On Saturday next we are to bring again to the attention of the rising generation, the heroism, self sacrifice and patriotism of our deceased comrades.

It is due to the memory of the valiant men who died in battle, and the equally brave men who since have gone to their graves, that we take special notice of that sacred Memorial Day.

It is due to our country, that we honor our deceased comrades and keep their memory sweet, that when the nation in the future needs other defenders, the people may not feel that "Republics are ungrateful," and forgetful of their soldiers.

It is due to our living comrades who, in sickness and age, now need or will need the tender care of a grateful people and a thankful government. For by such observances as these, the love and gratitude of the nation to those who saved it, will be kept fresh, and its debt to them kept clearly in mind.

Every year, since General Orders No. 11, Headquarters G. A. R., May 1, 1868, were issued, for the decoration of the soldiers' graves, the interest has increased, until now our observance of the day does as much to maintain the memory of our fallen comrades as to gratify a human sentiment. Let us not forget to save it.



At 12.30 P. M. on Saturday, May 30th, the Post was formed on Girard street, and received, with due honors, the members of Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 38, Department of New York, who brought with them seventy-five comrades, a drum corps, and fifteen ladies. The latter were provided with carriages. They also brought a handsome floral design for General Meade's grave. Shortly after 1 o'clock the column, headed by the Sixth Regiment N. J. N. G. Band, and 126 comrades in line, marched down Twelfth to Chestnut, to Eleventh, to Arch, to Broad, to Spring Garden, to Twenty-first, to Green, to Fairmount Park, thence to Lincoln Monument, where Comrade Henry M. Dechert delivered the address.

The choristers sang the hymn beginning with "For all the saints, who from their labors rest," this closed the services at Lincoln Monument. The Post then marched to steamboat landing and took the steamer "Undine" to Laurel Hill landing, where the line was reformed, and marched to and through the cemetery to the chapel in North Laurel Hill, the choristers of St. Jude's P. E. Church, under choir master Mr. S. M. Paul, singing the processional hymn.

At the chapel Rev. Russell H. Conwell offered prayer, and Comrade G. Harry Davis delivered the oration.

And after the anthem, "Honor the Brave," by the choristers, Rev. Geo. J. Mingins, of New York, who, accompanied Post No. 38, made a short but eloquent address, referring especially to the eminent services of General Meade and his loyalty as a citizen, his bravery as a soldier, and his true gentlemanly character. The services then closed and the Committees proceeded to decorate all the soldiers' graves in North, Middle and South Laurel Hill Cemetery. Reassembling at call



of bugle, they proceeded to the grave of General Meade, where the Grand Army services were performed by Commandes L. W. Moore, J. A. Weidersheim, Isaiah Price and C. Irvine Wright, of this Post, followed by like service by Commander A. Franklin Lawson, Senior Vice-Commander Thomas Fitzpatrick, Junior Vice-Commander Milton Vosburg, of Meade Post No. 38, of New York, the choristers singing Psalm CXXX, and two hymns; after a short address by Past Commander Wm. J. Simpson, chairman of committee. "Rest," by Bugler Henry Keen, and "Taps," by the Drum Corps of Post 38, the services closed.

The Post and guests returned by boat to Fairmount Park and marched to the Post Room; and, before being dismissed, Commander Lawson, of Post No. 38, presented Post No. 1 with a handsome cover for the altar, from the lady friends of Post No. 38. It is made of white satin, beautifully embroidered. On the top is a Grand Army badge, worked in colors of silk chenille, with the name and number of this Post. On the three sides are worked the words, "FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY," and on the other, "Post No. 1, of Pa., Post No. 38, of N. Y.," with clasped hands between; the whole bound with handsome silk cord, ornamented with large tassels. A beautiful piece of work.

Commander Reed received the same on behalf of Post No. 1, with appropriate remarks.

Both commands then proceeded to the Smedley House, Filbert street, below Thirteenth, and sat down to the banquet prepared by Post No. 1 for the guests from Post 38, and, as usual on such occasions, addresses were made and all enjoyed themselves.

The following communication from Post No. 38, New York, tells





how that Post appreciated the courtesies extended by Post No. 1, of Philadelphia :—

HEAD-QUARTERS GEO. G. MEADE POST, No. 38,

27th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., May 24, 1891.

MY FRIENDS:—  
Whereas, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted by a standing vote :—

**Whereas**, That the reception given to this Post by our comrades of Post 1, of Philadelphia, upon Memorial Day, was of such a character that every comrade who had the great pleasure to participate shall never forget the kindness they received, and in fact consider it a red letter day in the history of the Post—

**Resolved**, That we tender a vote of thanks to Post 1 for the manner in which they received and entertained us on our visit to their city, and pray that the bonds of Fraternity, so strengthened on that occasion, will remain unbroken, while there is a Corporal's guard left to guard them.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

EDWARD M. COOPER,

W. FRANKLIN L.

The committee collected this year the full amount of \$526.60; received from the Post Sports Committee A. J. Sellers making the largest collection of \$73.00. They expended \$77.52, leaving a balance of \$229.08, which was turned over to the Post Quartermaster and by resolution set aside for the expenses of the Memorial Day Committee of next year.

The Post having enjoyed the courtesies of St. Jude's Protestant Episcopal Church, Junior V. Commander John A. Woodworth, presented at the muster of June 1st resolutions thanking the Rev. W. H. Graff, the Rector, for his "appropriate sermon;" the vestry and congregation "for their kind reception on Sunday, May 24th," and the choristers "for their splendid rendition of the services" on Memorial Day. They were unanimously adopted.



**HORACE M. MARQUET.**

QUARTERMASTER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Musician, Co. G, 197th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, July 11, 1864

Final discharge as Private, Co. G, 197th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, November 11, 1864

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, December 1, 1879

Appointed Quartermaster-Sergeant, January 9, 1882

Elected Quartermaster, December 4, 1883

Re-elected December 3, 1883; December 1, 1884

Resigned June 13, 1885









and although his death was momentarily expected, yet when it came the heart of the great nation went out in sympathy to the family. Thousands of his late comrades, friends and admirers, from all over our land, from the Lakes on the North to the Gulf on the South, from the sandy shores of the Atlantic on the East, across the mountains to the golden shores of the Pacific, mourned the loss of the commander of those grand armies that put down rebellion in our land and brought peace in all its glory to a stricken people, and were anxious to take part in the obsequies and thus pay a last tribute of respect to the man whom the whole world honored, and it may be said even his enemies loved; and those he conquered with arms were also ready to join in the last honors paid to his remains, for they knew he was their friend. As a member of this Post it was necessary that immediate steps be taken by it to decide what action should be taken. A special muster was called for Saturday evening, July 25th, every comrade being notified; and again, when heat made it almost unbearable for so many to be crowded together in one room, were the Post rooms filled to overflowing with our members come to bear testimony of their affection for their old commander and decide what part this Post should take in the funeral services of our deceased comrade.

Comrade G. Harry Davis presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

George G. Meade Post No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., tender its sincere and heartfelt grief at the loss of her illustrious comrade,

### **Ulysses S. Grant.**

and her condolence and sympathy in this great bereavement to those who have so dearly and justly loved.





God gave him victory, the victor gave him peace. We give him peace.

To his country to left a peaceful land, and to his comrades the priceless legacy of his memory.

This we keep untarnished for the great master of the Grand Army of the hereafter.

A motion was adopted for the appointment of a committee of three to visit the family of the deceased to obtain from them, or those having charge of the funeral, permission for this Post to share the honors of Body Guard, or Guard of Honor, with U. S. Grant Post No. 327, of Brooklyn, thus having the Post of which he was a member and the one that bears his name co-operate together.

Comrade W. Wayne Vogdes presented the Post with a bust of Comrade Grant, which was received and the following resolution adopted:—

**Resolved.** That Geo. G. Mendel Post No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., appreciating the sentiment conveyed in the presentation to them by the artist, through Comrade W. Wayne Vogdes, of a replica in terra cotta of Karl Gerhardt's bust of General Grant, taken from life March 20, 1885, do hereby extend to Mr. Gerhardt their vote of thanks, not only for his kindness of thought, but also for his grandly successful achievement in perpetuating forever so thoughtful a likeness of our lamented comrade whose death has been the occasion for this special muster of the Post.

The Post adjourned after authorizing the Commander to call a special muster of the Post if necessary upon the report of the committee.

Commander Reed appointed as that committee, Senior Vice Commander Lewis W. Moore, Past Commanders Alfred J. Sellers and Geo. W. Devanny.

The committee at once proceeded to Mt. McGregor, New York, taking with them a large and magnificent floral design, a large pillow of white immortelles, upon which, worked and raised in colors, a sword,



belt, hat and pair of shoulder straps, on which were four white stars denoting the rank of a General of the United States Army, and the name and number of the Post; the whole design being about six feet high and four feet wide.

Upon arriving at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., they found a train about ready to start up the mountain to Mt. McGregor, but as there was no car on the train in which the floral design could be placed, the conductor, Mr. ——— very kindly kept the train waiting until he could detach his engine and send it for a baggage car; he, with his crew, assisted the committee to get the design in the car, and upon arriving at Mt. McGregor assisted them to carry it up to the Drexel cottage and placed it upon the porch. For his kindness and courtesies to the committee the Post presented him with a silver badge.

Colonel Fred. D. Grant came out to meet the committee and was overcome with joy with the handsome design. He had the committee take it into the room where the remains of his father lay, and placed at the head; he then brought the whole family down stairs to see it. They were visibly affected, and Colonel Grant was unstinted in his expressions of thanks to the Post for this and other kindnesses towards his father. This design was the first floral tribute that was sent, and all the papers throughout the country spoke of its beauty and unique design, and soon other tributes of all kinds came pouring in from all over the country; but none of them surpassed in beauty and design the one sent by this Post; and so well were the family and friends impressed with its beauty and the kindness of our Post that it is still retained among the relics in the Drexel Cottage at Mt. McGregor, and pointed out to the many visitors who annually go to see the cottage in



which America's greatest General died, as the testimonial from the Grand Army Post of which he had been a member.

Colonel Grant gave the Committee a personal letter to General Hancock, stating that it was his wish and that of the family that Meade Post, No. 1, should perform the Grand Army service at the grave and be assigned the post of honor on the march to the tomb.

On their return to New York City the committee visited Governor's Island and had a satisfactory interview with General Hancock, and, among other things, obtained from him a promise that, if he ever joined the Grand Army of the Republic, he would join Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1.

The following is a copy of the letter sent by Colonel Grant to General Hancock:—

Father was a comrade of Meade Post, G. A. R., of Philadelphia. They wish to perform the Ritual of the G. A. R. after the religious services, and I would like them to do so. I would like them also to participate with the U. S. Grant Post during the Stn.

Upon the return of the committee, Commander Reed at once issued a circular containing the above information and copy of the letter of Colonel Grant, and requesting all comrades who intend to accompany the Post to report at once to the Adjutant, and that further information would be announced in future orders; and on August 4th issued General Orders, No. 7, as follows:—





H. V. C. H. G. G. M. T. N. J.

H. G. M. T. P. G. A. J.

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### General Orders, No. 7.

I. The Grand Army of the Republic, N. J., at 5 o'clock A. M., to proceed via Pennsylvania Railroad to New York City, to attend the funeral of our late comrade,

### Ulysses S. Grant.

II. National uniform, G. A. R. cap and badge, white shirt, white vest, white gloves, G. A. R. cap and badge, and Black Necktie.

III. Comrade JAMES THOMPSON is detailed in charge of Color Guard; he will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. Comrades Junior Vice-Commander WIEDERSHEIM, Surgeon Houghton, and WALLACE (W. W.), are appointed a Committee to wait upon the Comrades to collect subscriptions for defraying the expenses.

V. Tickets for trip, Four (4) Dollars; can be procured from Junior Vice-Commander WIEDERSHEIM, No. 917 Chestnut Street, on Friday, 7th inst.

VI. Upon conclusion of Post services at the vault, the Post will be conveyed by steamboat (on which lunch will be provided) to Jersey City for the cars.

VII. Comrades who intend going, and have not enrolled their names, will do so at once at the Post Room.

VIII. Train will stop to take up Comrades at Powelton Avenue and Germantown Junction Stations.

By order of

J. P. W.

J. P. W.









Some doubts having arisen as to this Post being permitted to hold the Grand Army services at the tomb where Comrade Grant was to be buried, Commander Reed determined to insist upon the rights of this Post to perform that service, having ascertained that it was in accord with the wishes of the family, and a number of despatches passed between him and General Hancock, Colonel Grant, and Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic S. S. Burdette, and finally received the following from Colonel Weeks, of General Hancock's staff:—

GOVERNOR'S CHANCELLERY, N. Y., AUGUST 5, 1885

Commander-in-Chief, Post, G. A. R.,

1159 Broadway, New York City.

Preceding the funeral service, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Newman, of the tomb of Ex-President General U. S. Grant, and in accordance with the wishes of the family, the ritual services for the burial of veteran comrades of the war will be conducted by representatives of the G. A. R., designated by Commander-in-chief Burdette. This detail will be placed in one line, immediately behind the clergy and in advance of the catafalque.

This dispatch is private and for you only. You had better communicate with General Burdette at once.

JOHN H. WEEKS.

Commander Reed at once telegraphed Commander-in-chief Burdette and received the following reply:—

New York, August 6, 1885

A. R. J., Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., Post, New York,

1159 Broadway, New York City.

Make preparations to hold ritual services. Only fifteen men will be allowed adjacent to the catafalque. Try and send the officer of the detail to confer with me here to-morrow afternoon. S. S. BURDETTE.

In compliance with the above the following were selected by the Commander as the detail to march in front of the catafalque and to hold the Grand Army services at the grave:—Commander Alexander Reed, Senior Vice-Commander Louis W. Moore, Junior Vice-Commander John A. Wiedersheim, Surgeon Chas. W. Houghton, M. D., Chaplain



C. Irvine Wright, Officer-of-the-Day Albert C. Johnston, Past Commanders Geo. W. Devlinny and A. J. Sellers, Comrades H. Clay Trumbull, Thomas Thompson, Wallace B. Todd, Colin M. Beale, William W. Wallace, E. DeC. Loud, Geo. E. Paul, Aug. T. Clark, W. Wallace Goodwin, Florence W. Grugan, and Department Chaplain John W. Sayers.

In compliance with General Orders, No. 7, the comrades of the Post assembled at Broad Street Station about 5 o'clock on Saturday morning, August 8th, and took special train at 6 o'clock via Pennsylvania Railroad to New York.

Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward was in command of the Post, as the Commander, Senior Vice and Junior Vice Commanders were on the detail. Upon arriving at Courtland Street Ferry, New York, were met by Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 38, Department of New York, Comrade A. Franklin Lawson, Commander, and escorted to our place in line—the advance of the Grand Army column on Broadway, right resting on Chambers street.

While waiting for the column to move, Commander Ward was solicited by many of the comrades to take the Post away from the position assigned them, and march in the rear of the Catafalque with U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, of Brooklyn, the commander of that Post kindly consenting to give way to this Post, of which Comrade Grant had been a member. But Commander Ward, after consulting with Commander Henry M. Calvert of Grant Post, and Commander in Chief Burdette, decided to obey orders and remain in the position assigned him, the right of the Grand Army of the Republic, and thanked Commander Calvert, and the comrades of Grant Post for their kind offer, and



the cordiality with which they were willing to share the important position assigned them with this Post.

The Post paraded 186 comrades, under the command of Past Commander Joseph R. C. Ward, with Past Commander L. D. C. Tyler, acting Senior Vice-Commander, in command of the right wing, and Past Commander William J. Simpson, acting Junior Vice-Commander, in command of the left wing. The Post marched in platoons of sixteen front, with Past Commanders James C. Wray, and John A. Stevenson, and Comrades Isaiah Price, W. Wayne Volges, Philip J. Hoffliger, Joseph Allright and William H. Given in command of the platoons, and Comrade James Thompson in command of the Color Guard, which carried sixteen tattered battle flags. Adjutant David P. Weaver and Officer of the Guard A. M. Appel were the only officers that remained with the Post, all the others being on the detail. There were also some comrades of other Posts that paraded with this Post, including Past Commander in Chief Louis Wagner, Department Chaplain John W. Sayers, Past Commanders Louis R. Fortescue and Thomas Vanderslice, of Post No. 2, making with the detail of fifteen, a total of 210 comrades in line, the largest number that ever paraded with the Post. His Honor, William B. Smith, Mayor of Philadelphia, also paraded as a guest of this Post.

The march was up Broadway to Fourteenth, and turned into Fifth avenue, thence to Fifty-seventh street, to Broadway, to Boulevard, to Seventy-second street, the entrance to Riverside Park, where the column was dismissed, and Commander Ward marched the Post to the foot of 152d street and embarked on a large barge, provided by Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 38, Department of New York, the detail alone





remaining to perform the services at the tomb, upon the completion of which they joined the Post, and we steamed down the river to Jersey City, during which time a sumptuous lunch was served on the boat by Meade Post, No. 38, which was sadly needed and greatly enjoyed by all. We landed at Jersey City in time to take the 8.50 P. M. train for home, arriving at Philadelphia about 12 o'clock, and marched to the Post room and dismissed.

The part of the services at the tomb, performed by the comrades of the Post, was confined to the Grand Army ceremony, except the following prayer by Chaplain Trumbull:—

Our Father and our God, as we stand together here, in the presence of these solemnities, in the memories and the lessons of this hallowed hour, we realize anew that all power is with thee; that promotion cometh neither from the East, nor from the West, nor from the South; but thou art the Judge; thou puttest down one, and thou settest up another; and the issues of life and of death are thy decree.

We praise thee, that, in thy providence, in the hour of our nation's need, thou didst raise up, for a mighty work, him whom, together here, we honor and we mourn; and, out of glad and grateful hearts, we acknowledge thy goodness in all that thou didst accomplish in and through him, for us, for our country, and for the cause of thy truth.

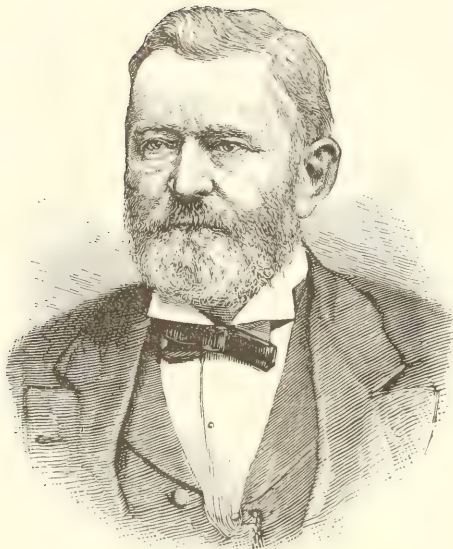
Remembering the anxious days when he was all in all to us, under thee, we rejoice that, by thy grace, he lived his life so simply, so bravely, so grandly, in his sphere; and that, in the least and in the greatest,—in conflict, in council, and in daily walk,—he was faithful unto death.

And now we beseech of thee, O Lord, that, by thy grace, thou wilt make profitable unto us, and unto our country, the lessons of this faithful and fruitful life.

Grant comfort unto those who are sore-stricken by this bereavement.

Make dearer than ever, to all, the interests for which thy servant stood so firmly.

And may we who are bound together by the ties of a common experience, under the earthly leadership of him whose worn body is to-day committed tenderly and reverently to the tomb, be bound together by a yet more enduring tie, in the loving service of the Greater Commander, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; unto whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be praise evermore. Amen.



**ULYSSES SIMPSON GRANT.**

Entered Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., July 1, 1839

Graduated June 30, 1843

Served through Mexican War. Resigned July 31, 1854

Appointed Colonel 21st Reg't Illinois Volunteers, June 17, 1861

Promoted to Brigadier-General, August 7, 1861; Major-General U.S.A., July 4, 1863; Lieutenant-General,

March 2, 1864, and General, July 25, 1866

Elected President of the United States, November 3, 1868; re-elected, November 5, 1872

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, May 10, 1877

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**DIED JULY 23, 1885**

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**Ulysses S. Grant** was born in Point Pleasant, Clermont county, State of Ohio. Graduated at West Point Military Academy, 1843, and commissioned 2d Lieutenant 4th U. S. Infantry, June 1, 1845. Entered the service as Colonel, 21st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, on the 17th June, 1861. Was commissioned Brigadier-General, Major-General, Lieutenant-General, and General United States Army, and resigned to accept the office of President of the United States. He was mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, May 16, 1877, and died July 23d, 1885, aged 55 years. Buried at Riverside Park, New York, N. Y.

Past Commander Sellers received the following from Colonel Grant, mailed August 17th:—

A. J. Sellers

Thanks for the services of the 8th of August.

Gratefully yours,

U. S. GRANT

And Commander Reed also received from him the following letter:—

Commander P. Reed and Comrades of the Mount Pleasant Post

Mt. McGREGOR.

*Comrades:* At the request of my mother, I write to thank you for your kind services to my father during his funeral. Our gratitude is great and we cannot express it in words.

Respectfully,

F. D. GRANT.

It was mailed on August 27th.

To which he sent the following reply:—

Colonel F. D. Grant

PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 24, 1885.

*Dear Sir:* In reply to yours expressing the thanks of your mother and yourself for the services of our Post at the funeral of your illustrious father and our lamented comrade, permit us to say that we never fulfilled a higher nor a more sacred duty. As there is no gap in the column so wide and deep as that occasioned by his loss, so there is no name on our roster more honored, nor any memory in our midst so revered, as that of him whom we followed in war, admired in peace, and laid away with the solemn rites of an Order he loved.

In accordance with the spirit of our organization, we shall ever hold those of his own household as near and most precious to us.

With high regard,

DAVID P. WEAVER, *Chairman*

ALFRED B. WEAVER, *Secretary*



The prominent part taken by this Post in this important page of our country's history, was seconded only by that taken by U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Although organized for some time, it had never been able to agree upon a name, but when informed by the press of the serious illness of Comrade Grant, which was soon to prove fatal, Commander Henry M. Calvert, with his Adjutant, George A. Price, paid a visit to the Department Commander, H. Clay Hall, at Little Falls, N. Y., on March 14th, and obtained from him a promise that, upon the death of General Grant, they should be given that name, and, on the day of his death, Commander Calvert received a dispatch, authorizing the use of the name of U. S. Grant, which was afterwards confirmed by Special Order, No. 118, dated July 25, 1885. They at once decided not only to take an active part in the funeral ceremonies, but to claim for their Post, which the name entitled them to, and the Grand Army of the Republic their proper recognition and their assignment to duty.

Commander Calvert sent a committee, consisting of Comrades H. W. Knight, Theo. B. Gates and William H. Barker, to Mt. McGregor, to confer with the family, and make arrangements for whatever duty the Post may be called upon to perform.

Commander Calvert, issued the following Order announcing the names of the Comrades detailed as Guard of Honor. These Comrades guarded the remains at Mt. Gregor, on the journey to and while lying in state in New York City, and then to Riverside Park, marching on each side of the catafalque.







### CAMPBELL TUCKER

FIRST ADJUTANT GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE

Entered the service as First Lieutenant, Co. D, 4th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, October 26, 1862

Final muster out as Major A.D.C. U.S. Volunteers, July 15, 1865

Mastered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, October 16, 1866

Elected Adjutant October 16, 1866; re-elected January 4, 1867

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**DIED SEPTEMBER 14, 1885**

BURIED AT LAUREL HILL CEMETERY, PHILADELPHIA

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escorted to a neighboring restaurant and served with a fine lunch, and then took the midnight train home.

On September 14th another comrade responded to the silent roll call, Comrade Campbell Tucker, the first Adjutant of the Post, who had retained a continuous membership in the Post from the time he was mustered in on October 16th, 1866, the date of the organization of the Post, up to the time of his death. He was buried on September 16th, and as the family requested that the funeral should be strictly private, the Post did not attend, but sent a floral tribute, and some few of the members attended as individuals.

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**Campbell Tucker** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. He spent his services as First Lieutenant in Co. D., 19th Regiment, Penn. Vol., from the 29th day of October, 1862. Held the rank of Captain and Major, A. D. C., and was discharged July 15th, 1865. He was mustered into Post One, Department of Pennsylvania, October 16th, 1866; held the office of Adjutant, and died September 14th, 1885, aged 41 years. Buried at South Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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A delegation of the Post attended the unveiling of the Soldiers' Monument, at Hazleton, Pa., on September 25th, upon the invitation of Post No. 20 of that city.

At muster of October 5th, Junior Vice-Commander, John A. Weid-ersheim, reported that he had taken from the bouquet which he placed in the casket of Comrade Grant during the Memorial Grand Army Service at the tomb at Riverside Park, a few sprays of flowers and leaves. He divided them into four parts, had them pressed, neatly framed, and with a proper inscription, and sent one to Mrs. U. S. Grant, one each to Mr. George W. Childs and Comrade F. N. Benson, who each contributed \$150 towards the expenses of the Post on the



day of the funeral. They each expressed themselves highly pleased and gratified to receive the mementoes, and commended him for his thoughtfulness in preserving the sprays and disposing of them as he had. He also received from Colonel Grant the following letter:—

*J. F. H. . . . .*

No. 3 E. 96th St., New York, October 1, 1885.

*Dear Sir:* Your very kind letter of the 30th of September, and also the framed souvenir of the bouquet placed in my father's casket, have been received. My father's family will always treasure it and keep it sacred. The comrades of the Meade Post will always have a place in the heart of

Yours sincerely,

FRED. D. GRANT.

Comrade Weidersheim then presented the remaining one to the Post, which was received with a vote of thanks for his generosity and thoughtfulness.

In compliance with General Orders No. 20, from Department Headquarters, this Post participated in the parade on Thursday, October 8th, "Grand Army Day," and in General Orders No. 8, dated October 5th, Commander Reed gave full instructions for same, and directed the members to assemble at 1.45 P. M., at the point of formation, Thirteenth street and Columbia avenue. Soon after the column was formed on Broad street, and reviewed by the Department Commander and staff, and then proceeded up Broad street to Cumberland, to Fifteenth street, to the State Agricultural Fair grounds, Broad and Lehigh avenue, where the rest of the day was spent in viewing the exhibits and in enjoyment as seemed best to each comrade. In the evening a grand Camp Fire was held, and speeches, vocal and instrumental music, entertained those who attended. Forty one comrades in line attended. Band of sixteen pieces.

At the muster of November 6th, a uniform overcoat was adopted



to be worn on all parades, and at funerals, when the weather was such as to require it.

The circular announcing the adoption of the overcoat, dated November 9th, also contained the following :—

"On Monday evening, 11th inst., the Post will receive a uniform visit from a sister association, the Grand Army of the Republic, comprising the best element of society, and the highest military rank, none less than a Brigadier-General admitted. The rostrum, nostrum, buskin and gown, will be represented, and from whom may be expected, wit without vulgarity, and eloquence incomprehensible."

As might be expected, this notice was sufficient to crowd the room with our comrades, anxious to see who these distinguished guests were, and to welcome the members of so ancient and exclusive an association. About 9.30 o'clock, while the regular routine business was still under way, the alarm was sounded that the outpost was besieged, and strains of distant martial music penetrated the closed portals of the Post Rooms. No further attention was paid to business, so everything had to be suspended, the Post closed in due form, the doors thrown open, and Commander Reed directed the Officer of the Day to admit the distinguished guests, who were received with due honors, all the comrades of the Post, standing and presenting arms, as "Old Baldy" Post, No. 112, Department of the Northwest, U. C. V., entered, led by their Commanding Officer, General George W. Dexinny, whose manly form was literally covered with badges, jewels and decorations, all won for meritorious services and unusual bravery on many fields of carnage and victory unknown to history. After acknowledging the salute of Post One, the guests were comfortably seated. From the programme, which they freely distributed, we found that they were to give the Post a very good entertainment, of a musical and literary



character, which included addresses from their orators, Hon. William D. Kelly, Hon. Geo. S. Graham and General Henry H. Bingham. The programme was fully carried out, and a most amusing and enjoyable evening was had by all who were fortunate enough to be present. The gorgeous and elegant uniforms of the officers, resplendent with gold lace, and many medals and decorations, tended to greatly enliven the scene. From the same programme, we found that the gallant officers of that heroic band were: General George W. Devlin, Lieutenant-General Albert C. Johnston, Major-General Frank H. Pepper, Adjutant-General L. D. C. Tyler, Quarter Master General Albert Super, Surgeon General Washington L. Atlee, M. D., Officer of the Night Philip D. Fowler, Officer of the Guard Louis P. Langer, Crazy Quilt Bearer Jacob K. Swoyer, Grand Sword Bearer Wallace B. Todd, Post  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Guard David H. Garrett, Guard off Color Harry O'Donnell and a long list of heroes, all Brigadier Generals. Their visit was greatly enjoyed, and they left with many pressing invitations to come soon again.

The Commander of this Post, as well as the citizens of Philadelphia, were suddenly astonished by the removal, from the office of Postmaster, in this city, of our Comrade H. S. Huidekoper, without notice or cause; therefore, the Post, at its muster of November 23d, unanimously adopted suitable resolutions, presented by Chaplain C. Irvine Wright, and directed that a copy be forwarded to the President of the United States, duly signed by the Commander and Adjutant, with seal of Post attached, as follows:—





To his Excellency, Grover Cleveland, *President*.

Sir:—

GEORGE M. SELLERS, No. 1, C. A. B.

Has resolved upon the following resolutions:

**Whereas**, GEORGE H. S. H., a wounded Union soldier, who, in the public service, has been removed from the position of Postmaster, at Philadelphia, without, as far as we know, any just cause, and, therefore, it behooves us to ask the President:—

I. Whether in the absence of charges, affecting a wounded soldier's official character or ability, such removal is not contrary to the spirit that has and should pervade executive appointments.

II. Whether such action is not contrary to the direct or implied pledges of the President, often heretofore made, that in removals from office in the absence of charges, or any known disqualifications, the fact that the incumbent had been an honorable Union soldier, should weigh in his favor sufficiently to overcome simple political considerations, all things being equal.

III. Whether in removing our fellow-soldier, without charges or cause, there is not direct violation of a statutory requirement, that the fact of soldiery shall be a protection to an official incumbent until it shall appear that he is in some way culpable or deficient.

IV. Whether the removal of our comrade, without charges or cause, in opposition to an almost unanimous business and non-partisan sentiment, and in the midst of great official usefulness, is not detrimental to the public service, and it further behooves us, as a body, to say, and herein we disclaim all politics and every political motive, that in the case of our comrade, and all others like it, the wrong of removal is aggravated by the substitution of one who is not a soldier; this adds to the reflection contained in a removal without cause, the sting of discrimination against the soldier.

It is not thought your action is the result of an unyielding policy. If not, let us petition you to modify it, so as not to appear hostile to the soldier element. They ought to have the rights conferred by law, conveyed in public promises, demanded by liberal public sentiment; more they do not ask.

At the same muster Past-Commander A. J. Sellers submitted suitable resolutions upon the death of another gallant soldier and leader, Major-General Geo. B. McClellan, the idol of the Army of the Potomac, for whom the soldiers of that army entertained an affection amounting almost to worship. And now that he, too, had answered the last roll call, his late comrades desired to give expression to their feelings, their affection for "Little Mac," and their sympathy for his family, and adopted the following resolutions:—



**Whereas,** The death of the Postmaster General, Daniel M. McClellan, Geo. H. McClellan, in recognition of his exceptional services to the Nation, therefore be it,

**Resolved,** That the Postmaster General be buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, and that the Postmaster General be buried in the National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

**Resolved,** That the gratitude of the Country must be expressed in an appropriate manner and evaluated service at a critical hour, recognition and appreciation be shown and tribute be rendered and services be rendered necessary for her preservation.

**Resolved,** That the soldiers who followed our standard and knew him best, recall with pride their admiration of his noble qualities of head and heart, and cherish with a warmth refined by sadness of death their memory of their "Old Commander."

**Resolved,** That this great bereavement is intensified to the Nation, the family and ourselves, and the general sorrow deepened, by his sudden removal amid highly useful years and with powers unimpaired for future achievements and honor.

**Resolved,** That we extend the sympathy of our Post to the widow of the illustrious deceased and to his family in this moment of their affliction.

**Resolved,** That these resolutions be entered in full upon the minutes of the Post, and an engrossed copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

In acknowledgment of which, the Adjutant received the following:—

DAVID P. WEAVER, Esq.,  
U. S. MARSHAL, N. S. DIST. CT., DIST. OF C., 1885.

W. H. WEAVER, Esq.,  
It is very kind of me to write to you, and I have heard the General often speak of you, and know what a friend he was of yours and how true and loyal you have always been to him, I feel as if I must thank you myself for your very kind letter.

Will you also convey to Geo. G. Meade Post the thanks of my children and myself for the tribute they have paid to General McClellan's memory.

I hope, if you are ever where I am, you will come to see me, as I shall be so glad to talk to you of the General.

Believe me very truly yours,

ELLEN M. McCLELLAN.

On Sunday, December 6th, Comrade A. D. Mackey died, and was buried on Thursday, December 10th, the Post attending in carriages and escorting the remains to Fernwood Cemetery.



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**A. D Mackey** was born at Cochrane, Scotland, May 1st, 1806. He was a member of the Navy, on the Steamer "Spartan," 1840. He was elected Assistant Postmaster of the Cochrane, Co. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Public Affairs, May 28, 1884, and died at Cochrane, 1885, aged 37 years. Buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Baltimore, Md.

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General Orders, No. 6, dated December 1st, announced that the annual election of officers would take place on Monday, December 7th, at which time Comrade Lewis W. Moore was elected Commander. One hundred and eighty-four votes were cast.

The same order also announced the children's festival of "Children's Hour" would take place on Wednesday, December 30th, at 3 o'clock, at which time the rooms were filled to overflowing with the children and families of the comrades of the Post. Again was a very pleasant entertainment provided for their amusement, and each child was presented with a beautiful souvenir, a box of candy, and fruit.

During the year 1885 twenty four comrades were mustered into the Post, as follows:—

WILLIAM J. DALLIMORE, PATRICK McMENAMIN, CHARLES E. CADWALADER, M.D., C. T. MYERS, WALTER H. MAGUIRE, JOSEPH G. FREUND, GEORGE W. WERTZ, JOHN W. MOORE, CHRISTIAN MYERS, WILLIAM R. GRANGER, HIRAM ANDRES, DAVID T. HICKMAN, AMOS VANEGRIET, J. EDITH MILLER, FRANK H. WOODHEAD, LEON A. CANTER, JAMES MORRIS, HENRY C. ELLIS (re-elected), GEORGE D. PATTEN, JR., JAMES R. CALLAHAN, THOMAS Y. ENGLAND, WILLIAM HARKNESS, JR., GEORGE W. AGNEW, JOHN H. SELTZER, M.D.

On January 4, 1886, another public installation of the officers-elect was held at the Post Rooms, No. 1109 Chestnut street, and Comrade Thomas E. Merchant, Past Commander of Post, No. 2, officiated as installing officer, and duly installed the following officers:—



Commander -

First -

Adjutant -

Clerk -

Musician -

Drum -

Sergeant-Major

Quartermaster

Surgeon

James M. Apple

John E. Mann

John Scott

Augustus Haury

Alexander Reed

ALEXANDER M. APPLE

JOHN E. MANN

JOHN SCOTT

AUGUSTUS HAURY

ALEXANDER REED

The Post was then turned over to the new Commander, who directed the Adjutant to publish the orders. General Order, No. 1, dated January 4th, was then read, announcing the officers elected and appointed, as above, and the re-election of Past-Commander A. J. Sellers to the Council of Administration; also the appointment of Comrade John Scott, as Inside Sentinel; John E. Mann, Outside Sentinel; and Augustus Haury, Musician.

Past-Commander John A. Stevenson, on behalf of the Comrades of the Post, presented the retiring Commander, Alexander Reed, with a handsome gold badge, set with diamonds, as a token of their esteem and regard for his unusual labors in their behalf, and for the advancement of the interest of the Post during his term of office. Past-Commander Reed received the same in appropriate remarks.

From the Annual Report of the Quartermaster, submitted on January 25th, we find the net cash receipts for the year to be \$5,517.69, but owing to the extra expenses of the Post, in entertaining George G. Meade Post, No. 38, of the Department of New York, on Memorial Day, and those attending the obsequies of General U. S. Grant, all of this large amount was expended, together with the balance carried over from the year before.





At the beginning of this year a controversy arose as to who was entitled to be Chairman of the Council of Administration, the By-Law reading: The oldest member, Comrade John W. Ward, the member serving his fifth year, or Past-Commander A. J. Sellers, just re-elected, which, taking the term just served by him, would make him the oldest member; so he and his friends interpreted the By-Law, but Comrade Ward and his friends interpreted the same law, to mean the member serving the last year of his term, and that a member, being re-elected, came in as a new member. The matter was brought before the Post in the Annual Report of the Council of Administration for the year 1885, submitted at the muster of January 25th. This led to a spirited discussion, and, finally, the paragraph reciting the same was, by motion of the Post, stricken out of the report, and Commander Moore recognized Comrade John W. Ward as Chairman, as three members of the Council had met and elected him Chairman. From this decision of the Commander, Comrade Sellers appealed, and a very spirited and lengthy discussion ensued, and finally the decision of the Commander was not sustained, and a motion of Comrade Sellers, that the By-Laws be interpreted to mean, "the" longest service, including a re-election, was adopted.

At the next muster, Commander Moore announced Past-Commander Sellers as Chairman of the Council; from this decision, and the action of the Post at its previous muster, an appeal was taken to the Department Commander. That same action of the Post resulted in the resignation of two members of the Council, viz.: Comrade B. Frishmuth and Past-Commander L. D. C. Tyler, and an election was held on March 1st to fill the vacancies. The canvass for this election was



thoroughly and very bitter, and Past Commander Sellers, championing Comrades George Baskins and W. W. Swisher, sent out a circular making a strong appeal for their election. The same was countered by another circular being sent out, that was signed by nearly all the Past Commanders, equally strong in their appeal for the election of Comrades Wallace B. Todd and J. Fletcher Conrad. As a necessary consequence, this contest created considerable interest, and resulted in bringing out a large number of comrades. 155 votes were cast, and Comrades Todd and Conrad were elected by a large majority. This contest engendered considerable ill feeling, and being finally settled by the votes of the comrades, Senior Vice Commander John A. Weidenschheim, with a view of avoiding any serious breach, which such a heated controversy would likely lead to, presented a resolution for the appointment of a Committee to adjust the difference, to promote good will and peace among the Comrades, and spoke upon the same, urging its adoption and the forgetfulness of the harsh words spoken in the heat of such a contest. The resolution was adopted, and the Commander appointed, as the Committee, Past Commander William J. Simpson, Chairman; and Comrades William W. Wallace, George W. Smith, John H. Mitchell and Benjamin W. Richards. This Committee were successful in their efforts, and secured an amicable adjustment of all difficulties, and harmony prevailed.

On March 22d the decision of the Department Commander, J. P. S. Gobin, upon the appeal taken upon the action of the Post, was received and read; it set aside the action of the Post and ruled against the position assumed by Past Commander A. J. Sellers. Commander



Moore then announced Comrade John W. Ward as Chairman of the Council of Administration.

Upon the death of General Winfield S. Hancock, Comrade John W. Ward presented the following resolutions at the muster of February 15, 1886:

**Whereas,** Death has removed from General W. S. Hancock, a Soldier of the noblest type, a noble and brave man, a true patriot, and a true friend of the people;

**Resolved,** That we, the Members of the National Association of Veterans of the War of 1861-65, do hereby extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of the deceased, and to the friends of the Republic, and throughout the entire country.

**Resolved,** That in his military career, he exemplified the highest qualities of a great soldier and loyal citizen, and won an admiration and love, which, hallowed by death, will be for him an enduring monument and impressive epitaph.

**Resolved,** That, as his comrades in arms, we pay special tribute to General Hancock's "soldierly bearing in bivouac, on the march and in the heat of battle;" to his consistency and courage, to his activity and skill, to the confidence reposed in him by all, from private to Commander. He never shirked an onerous duty, nor betrayed a sacred trust. His posts in trying battle, and in hours of great danger, were those of grave responsibility. He made his victories decisive, and saved defeat from the terror of rout and disaster. His Generalship was that of a brave, true and trained soldier, and such as the army and nation must ever mention with eloquent praise, and remember with grateful pride.

**Resolved,** That, while his labors and fame belong to the country and his loss is national, they are intensified to us, because Pennsylvania found in him one of her most distinguished Generals and illustrious men. Since his grave shall be in his native soil, and in our midst, let us cherish his memory as that of a comrade, who rose among us to honor his place of birth, and who fell from our ranks into the sleep of death.

**Resolved,** That we extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence to his bereaved wife and family, and our prayers that a merciful Providence may lighten unto them the burden of their great affliction.

**Resolved,** That these resolutions be entered in full on our minutes, and that an engrossed copy of the same be sent to the wife and family of the deceased.

These were adopted unanimously, and in due time a copy was sent to Mrs. Hancock, which was acknowledged as follows:—



\* Mrs. H. mead gratefully acknowledged the receipt of the communication of the 21st inst. and returns, adopted by the George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., upon the death of her dear husband, and so kindly transmitted to her by George G. Meade.

GEORGETOWN, PENNSYLVIA, February 24, 1889.

On April 5th, a communication was received from Headquarters, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., announcing the death of Comrade James B. Diehl, of this Post. The comrade had been employed in the Post Office Department, and for six or seven months his severe illness prevented him from attending to his duties, but the officials of that department had accepted his daughter as his substitute, and now the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., desired the influence of this Post to secure for her the permanent appointment to the vacancy caused by her father's death. This Post at once adopted strong resolutions, endorsing her for the appointment, and a copy was sent to the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., and the appointment was made. The Charity Committee of this Post made a liberal donation towards the funeral expenses of our late comrade, and he was buried with full Grand Army services by Lincoln Post, No. 3, Department of the Potomac, in the National Cemetery, at Arlington.

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**James B. Diehl** was born in Elliptsboro, State of Pennsylvania. Entered the service, First Lieutenant, Co. D, Ninety-first Regiment, Pa. Volunteers, on the 7th day of October, 1861, served as Aide-de-Camp, and was discharged, as First Lieutenant, July 25, 1864. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., December 11, 1872. Held the office of Adjutant and Officer-of-the-Day, and died March 26, 1886, aged 45 years. Buried in National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

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On Friday evening April 20th the Entertainment Committee gave a very interesting entertainment to the comrades of the Post, having secured Prof. D. S. Holman to give his illustrated lecture on "Wiggles, Wabbles and Waves," or Motion and Life, as seen with a microscope, which was very much enjoyed by all who were present.

On May 1st, notice was received of the death of Comrade Gilbert J. Lynch, and but little time was allowed to make arrangements, so that but twenty five comrades, under Commander Moore, were able to attend his funeral. On May 3d, they left the Post Rooms in carriages, and proceeded to his residence, and after the services there, escorted the remains to South Laurel Hill Cemetery, where he was buried with full Grand Army services.

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**Gilbert J. Lynch** was born at ... .. Pa. ... .. A. S. ... ..  
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George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., September 25, 1882, and died  
April 2, 1888, and was buried in South Laurel Hill Cemetery, Haverhill, Pa.

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At the muster of May 17th, Comrade Alexander E. Drake, submitted the following:—

**Whereas,** The majority of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic is composed of men who, in 1861, left the anvil, the plough, the loom and the shop, to range themselves under the banner of good government, while they can and do heartily sympathize with their fellow-workingmen in their efforts to secure to themselves compensation commensurate with their labors, and an income adequate to the proper maintenance of their families, within reasonable working hours, yet feel it incumbent upon them in the present aspect of the labor question, to define their position. Therefore, be it

**Resolved,** That they stand as they stood a quarter of a century ago, shoulder to shoulder in sup-

That they view with horror and detestation the introduction, into our beloved country, of so called



which no man should feel, did not, and does not, justify the restriction of the right of free expression, and a standing menace to public conduct of the labor people.

That we deem it not only a proper, but the imperative duty of the States and Federal Government, to date or dictate to the workingman the conditions upon which he shall employ his labor, recognizing only the inalienable right of every man to pursue peacefully and uninterruptedly any lawful calling he may select.

That we recognize the labor question as disassociated with politics, regarding it purely as a question in equity, subject to disinterested arbitration or legal decision.

That we deem it not only a proper, but the imperative duty of the States and Federal Government, to stamp out and eradicate in the most emphatic, direct and permanent way the foul and detestable dogmas that have of late disgraced the localities in which they have sought to take root.

That we here and now renew upon the altar of our common country, our vows of fealty and fidelity to its Constitution, its laws, and, above all, to that sacred "Bill of Rights," conferred by the Supreme Grand-Commander, which directs us "to love our neighbor, and to do unto others as we would have them do to us."

Which was adopted unanimously, and the ban of secrecy removed, and same given to the press for publication.

On April 26th, the Post received an invitation from U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to be present at the Memorial Day services, at the tomb of General Grant, at Riverside Park, which was accepted, as Memorial Day of this year came on Sunday; and in this State Pennsylvania, it is fixed by law to be observed on the day preceding, or Saturday, while, in New York, the law makes Monday, the day following, as the one to be observed; so we could discharge our sacred and pleasant duties here on Saturday, and co-operate with U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, on Monday.

In General Order, No. 2, dated May 10th, Commander Moore makes full announcement for the observance of the day, and that the Post would attend Divine Service on Sunday, May 23d, at the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church, corner of Eighteenth and Arch streets, Rev. John Hemphill, Pastor, and, on May 22d, issued a special



order of instructions for the visit of the Post to Brooklyn, on Monday, May 30th.

Therefore, in compliance with the above orders, the comrades first assembled at the Post Rooms on Sunday, May 23d, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and proceeded in a body, under Commander Moore, to the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church, corner of Eighteenth and Arch streets, where they listened to a good and effective sermon by the Pastor, Rev. John Hemphill, eighty-five comrades being present.

The Memorial Day Committee, for 1886, consisted of Comrades B. Frishmuth, Chairman; W. Wayne Vogdes, Secretary; and James Thompson, Treasurer, and Comrades C. W. Houghton, M. D., Henry Simons, Francis H. Woodruff, George H. S. Uhler, John W. Moore, H. M. Marquet, John Hay, James F. Morrison, Edward N. Rue, William W. Wallace, W. H. Tyrell, Albert C. Johnston, Henry C. Sines, Colin M. Beale and Aug. T. Clark. Their labors were many and arduous, yet they discharged them to the full satisfaction of the Post, and from their report we take the following description of their work, also a full detailed account of the services of the Post on Memorial Day here in Philadelphia, and Memorial Day in New York:—

The day, according to the order of the Grand Army, was spent in the Laurel Hill Cemetery, and at the Post Committee's office, where the comrades assembled, in accordance with the

preceding year, but was postponed and became the duty of this Committee. We have the pleasure to report that upon each of the 369 graves, at Laurel Hill, has been placed a permanent monument in the form of a four foot square by 7 inches in diameter, permanent in nature and beautiful in finish; 23 of the 400 purchased remain at the Post's Headquarters, and are turned over to the Funeral Committee, so that a permanent marker may accompany the remains of each comrade mustered into the Grand Army above."

On Sunday, May 24th, the comrades of the Post assembled at the Avenue of the Mounts, at Independence Hall, and at 11 o'clock, P. M., the comrades left





The services closed with an anthem by the choristers, and the boat was then taken for Laurel Hill Landing, where the line was reformed and marched to Central Laurel Hill Cemetery where the services were held. Rev. Russell H. Conwell, Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, of this city, delivered the oration. As he had no notes, he could not furnish a copy of the address; therefore, it could not be inserted here.

The Post then proceeded to the grave of General Meade, which was literally covered with floral emblems, and the full Grand Army Service was performed by Comrades John A. Weidersheim, Isaiah Price, C. Irvine Wright and Chaplain I. Newton Ritner, after which the Post returned to Headquarters, via boat to Fairmount Park, and marched down Green to Broad, to Chestnut, to 1109, and was dismissed, after making a halt at Broad and Filbert to partake of a lunch, served by the Committee.





Returning to the Report of the Committee, our contract is follows:—

“To purchase a handsome flag, to be presented to Grant Post, No. 327, to replace their handsome new flag that had just been presented to them by their lady friends on that Memorial Day, and was lost by being blown overboard from the boat as they came over to meet us at Jersey City; the request of the Committee was granted.”

& Reading Railroad, and took a special train to attend the ceremonies in Brooklyn, having sent, by courtesy of the Philadelphia & Reading Express Co., the handsome floral design, 6 feet by 4½ feet, representing a frame, enclosing the Post monogram of colored immortelles above the words “Our Comrade;” below “U. S. Grant,” the frame of blue; at each corner, four large white stars, representing the General’s rank; top of frame, “George G. Meade Post, No. 1;” bottom, Philadelphia; being one of the many tributes forwarded from all parts of the Union, in gracious memory of our deceased comrade, coming from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and from the Gulf to the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence.”

“The comrades who participated have already glowingly described the events of their trip to their less fortunate fellow-comrades, and as the Adjutant’s Report will set forth fully and officially the movements of the Post, it is needless for this Committee to go further than read the subjoined letter from the Chairman of Post 327’s Committee”:—

The Committee report their receipts and expenditures as follows: Balance from previous Committee, \$229.08; received from Post, \$422. contribution, \$406.05 (Comrade James F. Morrison making the largest collection, \$171.05); sale of tickets, \$560.50; total, \$1,617.63; expenses, \$1,260.55; returned to the Post, \$357.08.

In closing their report they asked to be allowed to expend \$100 of that balance in the purchase of a handsome Post flag, to be presented to Grant Post, No. 327, to replace their handsome new flag that had just been presented to them by their lady friends on that Memorial Day, and was lost by being blown overboard from the boat as they came over to meet us at Jersey City; the request of the Committee was granted.



Thus it will be seen, that the services attending Memorial Day this year, were of more than ordinary character, and we will, therefore, give a more minute description of same, to cover the points omitted in the report of the Committee; first, we give in full the order of Commander Moore, as follows:—

THE COMMITTEE, GEN. G. MAYER, Pres., NO. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, G. A. R.,

NO. 1166 CHURCH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA, May 10th, 1886.

*General Order, No. 3.*

In conjunction with Headquarters, U. S. Grant Post, No. 5, Eighth Street, G. A. R., the Post has accepted the invitation of U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to take part in our visit to decorate the Unit of our late Comrade, U. S. Grant Post, No. 1, on Monday, May 11, as follows:—

The Post will leave Philadelphia on the morning of May 31st, at 6 o'clock, A. M., for Trenton; arrive in Jersey City, take the Post provided by Grant Post, No. 1, on place in Essex Park, we will then be taken to the 13th Regiment's Armory to partake of a lunch, kindly furnished by Post 327 of Brooklyn, and then be escorted to the boat for Riverside, accompanied by the President, Gen. Sheridan, Governors of the States, and prominent military men of the nation.

At Riverside the following programme will be observed: Oration by Gen. John A. Logan, firing salute by the 7th Regt., N. G. S. N. Y., and Battery of U. S. Artillery; singing by the Amphion Society, accompanied by Arbuckle's Band.

The expense for the round trip will not exceed \$3.50 to each Comrade. In order to make complete arrangements the name of every Comrade desiring to participate should be furnished the Committee, so that the tickets can be arranged for. It is hoped the Comrades will make an effort to turn out in large numbers. Please fill in and mail the accompanying postal card promptly.

Applications for tickets to ceremonies at Riverside Park should be made to Superintendent at Post Room.

By order of

DAVID P. WEAVER, *Secretary*

LESLIE W. MOORE, *President*

In compliance with the above order, the comrades assembled at the Philadelphia & Reading Depot, Ninth and Green streets, on Monday morning, May 31st, at 6 o'clock, and took train for New York, arriving at Jersey City at 8.30, and were met by Grant Post, No.



327 of Brooklyn and Co. B. 1st State Cavalry of this city and escorted to ferry boat and taken to Brooklyn—on the way over lunch was served on the boat, arriving at Brooklyn were escorted to our place in line, and soon joined the column in their march through the principal streets of Brooklyn. After the parade was dismissed, we were taken to the Armory of the 13th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., and very sumptuously entertained with a splendid lunch, and after an hour spent in social and fraternal intercourse, were placed upon large cars drawn by twelve horses, and taken again to the river and put aboard the large and magnificent steamer "Grand Republic," at the ferry near the Brooklyn bridge; in due time started, having on board nearly three thousand people, steamed under the bridge and up the river to "Riverside Park." We were then marched to the tomb, and seated in a large space reserved for us fronting the stand: our battle-torn flags were arranged around the tomb, which was completely hidden by the many handsome floral designs sent from all parts of the country.

The following services were then held:—

JOSEPH M. COLE,	Chaplain,	Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D.
ROBERT L. EDGEMAN,	Secretary,	Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D.
HAYDEN,	Assistant Secretary,	Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D.
PRAYER,	- - - - -	Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D.
REVEREND R. L. EDGEMAN,	Reader,	Rev. R. S. Storrs, D. D.
ORATION,	- - - - -	Post-Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.
JOSEPH M. COLE,	Reader,	Post-Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.



**DAVID P. WEAVER.**

ADJUTANT GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE.

Entered the service as Major U. S. Volunteers, April 18, 1861.

Afterwards as Adjutant 90th Reg't Penna. Volunteers.

Final muster out as Adjutant 186th Reg't Penna. Volunteers August 15, 1865

Wounded in foot at Gettysburg, Pa., July 1, 1863.

Veteran of the War with Mexico.

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, February 17, 1879.

Appointed Adjutant, January 3, 1881; re-appointed January 9, 1882, January 8, 1883, January 14, 1884,  
January 12, 1885, January 4, 1886, January 4, 1887, January, 1888 and January 7, 1889

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**DIED MARCH 18, 1889.**

BURIED AT MECHANICS' CEMETERY, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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SALUTE THE DEAD.

HYMN, . . . "My Country 'Tis of Thee,"

CAMP CALL, . . . "Lights Out,"

BENEDICTION, . . . . . *Bishop William L. Harris.*

The Post was then reformed and marched past the tomb of Comrade Grant, giving a marching salute; thence to boat landing, and took steamer "Grand Republic" to Jersey City: we left on 8.20 P. M. train for Philadelphia, arriving at 10.30 and dismissed. All hands were more than well pleased with visit, and the splendid reception and entertainment extended by the comrades of U. S. Grant Post, No. 327. From the report of Adjutant D. P. Weaver, of the Post, we quote the following:—

"Past Commander I. D. C. Tyler was in command of the Color Guard, composed of Comrades Cook, Archer, Mann, Liebfreid, Elwell, Neiler, Taylor, Leary, Boyer, W. R. Smith, Noeh, Early and Stones. To Past-Commander Tyler and those who carried the colors on the two days, the Post should feel under deep obligations, as it is not a thankful position, and those who volunteer should be kindly remembered.

To U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, Department of New York, the Post should feel under a debt of gratitude, as it was a splendid reception, and we were attended to, like comrades should attend to each other.

To the comrades of the Post who paraded both days, I must say that I never saw such a correct bearing and manliness, each one seemed to feel that he had the reputation of the Post in his keeping, and nobly did each comrade keep up that reputation.

To Comrade B. Frishmuth, Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee, and in charge of the excursion to New York, the Post cannot but feel that his arduous duties were admirably attended to, he and his Committee moved as one, not a break in the whole arrangement, it was magnificent."

On Thursday, July 8th, Comrade Horace Fritz died, and as the family desired a strictly private funeral, the Post could take no part.





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**Horace Fritz** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, entered the service as First Lieutenant in Keystone Artillery, on the 6th day of July, 1863, and was discharged August 24, 1863. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., February 9, 1880, and died July 8, 1886, aged 42 years. Buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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At a muster of September 6th, the Burial Lot Committee, of which Past-Commander Jos. R. C. Ward was Chairman, submitted a report asking authority to have the Post lots in Laurel Hill Cemetery, presented to Post by Comrade Benjamin W. Richards, suitably enclosed; the authority was granted, and the Committee had eight handsome granite posts, 30 inches high, and 12 by 12 inches square, with Post Badge cut on each, and one large sill, 3 by 5 feet, upon the beveled edge of which was cut, in raised letters, "George G. Meade Post, No. 1, G. A. R.," the whole making a very suitable and handsome enclosure.

The Post accepted the invitation of Chapman Post, No. 161, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., to participate in the ceremonies of the unveiling of the Carbon County Soldiers' Monument at Mauch Chunk on September 28th, and 21 Comrades, under Commander Moore, left on the morning of the 28th, staid over night and returned the next evening, and enjoyed the visit and the attentions of Chapman Post very much.

At muster of September 27th Comrade Albert C. Johnston presented the following resolution, which was adopted :—

**Resolved,** That on the Twentieth Anniversary of this Post coming on Monday, October 18, 1880, that we commemorate the event by a suitable entertainment, and that the Entertainment Committee be requested to make arrangements for a Stag Camp Fire for that occasion.



The Entertainment Committee therefore made extensive arrangements that the occasion should be worthy of the twenty years' successful life of Post No. 1. After the usual business of the muster was concluded on the evening of October 18th, the Post was closed and turned over to the Entertainment Committee. Comrade Frank Glading, Chairman.

The doors were then thrown open and the room was soon filled to overflowing with the Comrades and invited guests; chairs were closely arranged in the center of the room, and any place where one could be put, and soon occupied. Comrade Glading called upon Comrade G. Harry Davis, another member of the Committee, to preside, and he, in a brief address, welcomed all present to the Twentieth Anniversary of Post No. 1, stating that it was a very important event in its history. Comrade Davis also announced that there were present some of those who were connected with the early life of the Post who would be called upon for brief addresses. After music by the orchestra the Chairman called upon Past Commander R. W. P. Allen, as one of the oldest members of the Post present, being mustered in on January 11, 1867. Commander Allen responded in a brief address, giving a few incidents of the early life of the Post, and stated how he had tried for three years to resign as a member but was always prevented by Comrade Jos. R. C. Ward, their Post Quartermaster, who told him his resignations always came too late and would have to lie over—they did lay over; the Post then elected him Junior Vice-Commander in December, 1875, and he became so interested in Grand Army work, and in the success of Post No. 1, that he once more took an active part; the next year he was elected Senior Vice-Commander, and then Commander; he



has had no desire to resign since, he was proud of his membership and the part he had taken in the life of the Post, and trusted that as long as he lived he would be able to do his duty as Comrade.

Comrade Davis then read a number of letters of regret from those who had been invited to be present, among them one from Past-Commander James R. Mullikin, who greatly regretted his inability to be present.

Past Commander-in-chief Robert B. Beath was then introduced and congratulated the Post on its successful existence of to day : he well remembered when a Comrade of the Post really carried the Post in his hat, and whenever he visited another Post the Commander would always call up the Post and announce the presence of "Post 1 in a body;" he remembered how faithfully that Comrade labored to keep the Post in existence in spite of the many efforts made to deprive it of its charter, and that the Post was under many obligations to that Comrade, Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, that could not be paid, and he was glad that Comrade Ward was still an active worker in the Grand Army, and that Post No. 1 appreciated his services. He also remembered how he thought he was one of the organizers of Post No. 1, so called, and was surprised to find that another Post had been chartered ahead of them and his Post became No. 2 : he afterwards drew out of that Post and organized No. 5 : he was very glad to be present at such a gathering, and glad that Post No. 1 had done so well and was doing so well : he wished the Post a God-speed in the good work and a much longer and more successful life.

Chairman Davis said he would now introduce the Comrade "who had carried the Post in his hat," Past Commander Jos. R. C. Ward,



EDWARD E. CHASE

FIRST QUARTERMASTER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE

Entered the service as Private, Co. F, 17th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, April 25, 1861

Final muster out as Captain Co. —, 1st Reg't Rhode Island Cavalry, March 1, 1865

Taken prisoner June 17, 1863. Escaped November 6, 1864

Recaptured November 27, 1864. Exchanged February 17, 1865

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, October 16, 1866; re-elected March 11, 1889

Elected Quartermaster October 16, 1866

the orator of the evening, who had been requested by the Committee to present a brief history of the Post

Comrade Ward spoke as follows :—

#### COMRADES AND FRIENDS:

When requested by our Comrades, and the Chairmen of the Laboring Men's Committee, to prepare a brief history of our Post for this, our Twentieth Anniversary, I cheerfully acceded to their request, little thinking how arduous the task they imposed upon me, with so little time at my disposal. Think of it, my Comrades,—twenty years' history of this Post to be condensed in the short time that can be allowed on this occasion. I must confess that I feel unequal to the emergency.

The life of this Post is freighted with so many important events that it would be impossible to relate them all, and I hardly know which to recall to your minds and which to pass over. I have, however, collated a few of the principal events in its life, to which I ask your attention.

I also ask that you will not deem me egotistical if I appear to bring myself and the labor I have performed in building up its life too prominently before you, as I cannot justly give you the history of this Post without frequently mentioning myself and my own personal labors in its behalf, as a part of its early life,—in fact, its very existence to-day is due to and made up of these efforts of mine."

Comrade Ward then related at length many of the important events of the life of the Post in an address lasting about an hour and a quarter, which was subsequently condensed and published in the "*Evening Call*," a Philadelphia daily evening paper, on December 26, 1887. The labor spent on that work and the interest so created induced him to prepare and publish this book, as many of the Comrades were kind enough to appreciate his efforts and urge him to put them in a more accessible form, promising him their hearty support. For their kindness he returns his thanks and trusts they will receive this work, as a desire on his part, "to perpetuate the important events in the history of the Post, and the arduous duties and labors of many of its most trusted and worthy Comrades in its behalf,—himself but the instrument to fashion and put in shape."





Short addresses were also made by Past-Commanders Henry H. Bingham, William J. Simpson and E. Alfred J. Sellers, and that evening closed one of the most interesting and enjoyable meetings ever held by the Post.

At the muster of November 1st, Comrade Wallace B. Todd, speaking of the labors of Past-Commander Ward, and the address delivered by him on the Twentieth Anniversary of the Post, moved that the thanks of the Post be tendered to Past-Commander Jos. R. C. Ward, which was adopted unanimously.

Having received information that a delegation of U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, of Brooklyn, would come to pay this Post a fraternal visit on Monday evening, October 25th immediate steps were taken to accord them a welcome commensurate with the many courtesies received from them, and it was decided to have an anniversary banquet or supper at the Union League. A Committee of Arrangements was appointed with Comrade B. Frishmuth, Chairman, and Comrades Albert C. Johnston, G. Harry Davis, James F. Morrison, James Thompson, Augustus T. Clark, Jacob E. Hyneman, Austin D. Elwell and George H. S. Uhler. Covers were laid for 250 in the large banqueting-room of the Union League House.

The guests were met at the Broad Street Station at 7.45 P. M. and escorted to the Post room, where they were welcomed by Commander Moore and received with due honors.

Comrade I. M. Foster, Past Chaplain-in-chief, in a stirring patriotic speech presented Post No. 1 with a handsome bronze statue, "Pro Patria," standing upon a fine ebony pedestal, on behalf of Grant Post, No. 327, which was received on behalf of our Post by Comrade G.



Harry Davis. Comrade Templeton, of Post 327, then presented us with a silk flag, the last one that decorated the casket of Comrade U. S. Grant, and draped it on its journey from Mt. McGregor to the tomb at Riverside Park. It was also received by Comrade Davis, and now adorns the Post room, still bearing the same badge of mourning as it did on the day of the funeral.

The Post was then closed in due form and the members of the two Posts were introduced to each other, and enjoyed a social time together until it was time to form the line to proceed to the banquet. Each Comrade and guest of the visiting Post was taken in charge by a Comrade of Post No. 1, and headed by the National Band of Frankford, marched up Chestnut Street to Broad, to Union League, to Banquet Hall, where all were comfortably seated and soon at work upon the delicacies as announced on the menu card.

After ample justice had been done to the eatables, addresses were made, first by his Honor, Mayor Wm. B. Smith, who welcomed Grant Post and their guests, as well as the other guests of Post No. 1; responded to by Comrade J. P. Howatt, Commander of U. S. Grant Post, No. 327; then by Past-Commanders-in-chief Robert B. Beath and Louis Wagner, Asst. Adj. Genl. Thos. J. Stewart, Past Department Commanders of New York, Hedges and Squires, and Comrades B. P. Corwin, Harry Knight, George F. Tait and T. L. Woodruff, of Grant Post 327; Samuel Minnis, of Morgan Post; Wilbur F. Brown, of Lafayette Post; Colonel Fred. D. Grant, all of New York, and G. Harry Davis, Charles Lawrence, H. Clay Trumbull and Samuel B. Huey, of Post 1, and Judge William N. Ashman and Jerome Carty, Esq., associate members of Post 1. Thus continuing the feast until a late hour,



when a large number of the members of the Post returned to the Post room with their visitors and entertained them until the time of the departure of their train, then escorted them to the depot, starting them for home at 3 o'clock in the morning.

General Order No. 5, dated November 20th, assembled the Comrades to attend the funeral of Comrade Francis H. Woodruff, on Monday, November 22d. Forty-six Comrades, under Commander Moore, reported, and in carriages escorted the remains to Mount Vernon Cemetery.

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**Francis H. Woodruff** was born in Pennsylvania, and was discharged August 1, 1863. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, November 23, 1885, and died November 16, 1886, aged 40 years. Buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Almost before the last sad rites were paid to Comrade Woodruff, the Post was called upon to mourn the loss of another Comrade who died on November 24th, Comrade Frederick Guyer, and General Order No. 9, again assembled the Comrades for the same sad duty for one more of their number, on Friday morning, November 26th. Twenty-four Comrades responded to the call and escorted the remains from his late residence to the Broad Street Station to be taken to New York for interment, and Commander Moore, Senior Vice-Commander Weidersheim, Junior Vice-Commander Price, Chaplain Rimer, Bugler Boettger, and Comrades Oakford and Whitaker accompanied the remains to New York, thence to Cypress Cemetery, Brooklyn, where they performed the Grand Army services over his grave.



**Frederick Guyer** was born in Saxton, England, the second of six sons and the fourth of six B. S&J. Regiments, New York, Volume 1, 1861-1862, 27th day of May, 1861, he died on the 20th of April, and was discharged September 21, 1864. He was an Uncle to George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., 11-1-31, 1887, and to George G. Meade Post, No. 24, 1887, and to George G. Meade Post, No. 400, of this city.

A circular, dated November 26th, announced that a Camp Fire would be lit on Monday evening, November 26th, and among the distinguished visitors who would be present would be "Old Baldy Post, No. 112," who would pay an official visit to the Post that evening, it being the Third Annual Cruise of the Flagship "Old Baldy" with the full crew of "Horse Marines," and that the good ship would anchor in the harbor of 1109 Chestnut Street at "two bells," on Monday evening, November 26th, to greet the Comrades of George G. Meade Post, No. 1, having as guests the officers and crew of Naval Post, No. 400, of this city.

Upon the arrival of these distinguished visitors we found that the same elaborate uniforms and jewels that graced their manly forms on former occasions, and made their visits so conspicuous, were again worn, but this time they were transformed into naval officers, as the officers and crew of the FLAGSHIP OLD BALDY H. M., as follows:

Admiral, - - - - -	GEORGE W. DEVINNY,
Vice-Admiral,	ALBERT C. JONES,
Rear-Admiral, - - - - -	W. H. H. WALLACE,
Commodore, - - - - -	L. D. C. TYLER,
Commander, - - - - -	GEORGE F. BROWN,
Captain, - - - - -	PHILIP D. FRY,
Commander, - - - - -	ALBERT F. BROWN,





Sergeant,	W. H. H. C. M. D.
Paymaster,	LOUIS P. LANGER.
Captain,	W. C. F. F.
Comptroller, Major,	F. H. M. F. N. H.
Captain,	W. H. S. F. N. S.
Post 1st Major, Captain,	F. A. H. G. F. H.
Staff Captain,	F. H. S. F.

The Post Room was soon transformed into a ship; the paraphernalia commonly used on board of ship were brought in and put into position, the officers took their respective stations, with the man at the wheel; this gave a very fine representation of a deck of a vessel, a man-of-war, and a very agreeable evening was spent; addresses were made by Hon. Charles F. Warwick, City Solicitor, members of Naval Post 100, officers of the Flagship, and Comrades of Post 1; vocal and instrumental music were furnished by orchestra and vocalists presided over by Comrade Frank Glading.

The annual meeting for election of officers was held on Monday evening, December 6th, and Comrade John A. Weidersheim was elected Commander, 185 votes being cast; three ballots being necessary to elect the Junior Vice Commander and four ballots to elect all the delegates.

The death of Comrade John A. Logan, Past Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, awoke in the hearts of the Comrades all over the land a feeling of sadness and grief, and prompted them to meet to give expression to the sentiments of sorrow that filled their hearts, and admiration for his gallantry as a soldier, his ability as a statesman, and his unswerving devotion to the soldiers of the Union and the cause for which they fought and died; and Post No. 1,







each one was sent home with a happy heart and loaded down with fruit and candy.

The following are the Comrades who were mustered in during the year 1886:—

HARRY L. TAGGART, DALLAS CROW, CHARLES H. WOODRUFF, BENJAMIN F. WEEKS, CHARLES A. MOTT, BENJAMIN BROOKE, J. RAYMOND CLAGHORN, CONRAD EMERY, ALEXANDER W. GILCHRIST, JOHN W. BOURNHTON, WILLIAM B. WARNER, EPHRAIM STEVENSON, GILBERT A. HAZLETT, BENJAMIN CLARK, AUSTIN D. ELWELL, HENRY F. LEMAESTRE, B. F. BAER, C. A. BARKER, THOMAS MEEHAN, LEVI CUMMINGS, F. T. QUINLAN, FRAZIER MOORE, CHARLES N. CADWALADER, JOSEPH E. MORSE, JOHN DELONG, WILLIAM H. H. WASSON, THOMAS L. JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER R. BLACKALL, EDWARD H. WRAY, WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, JEHU T. WILSON, WILLIAM F. BACON, JOHN MCKINLEY, F. ALBERT SCHAEFER, LYNFORD DELANEY, GEORGE E. ALKINS, GEORGE G. EVANS, SAMUEL D. HUNTER, WILLIAM A. MILLER, MAXWELL SOMMERVILLE, M. A. COWDEN, OLIVER S. GUNSON JR., E. C. REED, B. RUSH MORT, ALBERT T. CROSS, J. LEHMAN EISENBREY, D. D. S., CHARLES T. BOETTGER

During the latter part of December, 1886, the Comrades of the Post received the following invitation:—



NEW YEAR'S REGISTRATION.

JANUARY 1, 1887.

THE SOCIETY OF AM

THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE OFFICERS ELECT OF

GEORGE G. MEADE POST, No. 1,

Department of Philadelphia, G. A. R.,

TO THEIR COMRADES AND FRIENDS.

BEHOLDEN TO ALL.

DECEMBER 1, 1886.

Upon accepting this invitation we found a very happy New Year's greeting awaiting us. Excellent music enlivened the scene, while



sumptuous refreshments, served by the wives and lady friends of the officers elect, made all comfortable and home-like.

The thanks of all the Comrades who were fortunate enough to attend, are due and, we know, are most cheerfully tendered to the officers elect, and especially to their good wives, daughters, and friends, who so kindly administered to our wants, and we certainly wish that they may one and all live long to assist their husbands and fathers in many more such pleasant reunions.

On Monday, January 3d, Comrade N. Ferree Lightner, Past-Commander of Post No. 2, duly installed the following as the officers of the Post for the year 1887:—

Commander,	JOHN A. WEIDERSHEIM
Senior Vice-Commander,	ISAIAH FITCH
Junior Vice-Commander,	W. WAYNE VOGDES
Adjutant,	DAVID P. WEAVER
Quartermaster, -	JOHN G. JOHNSTON
Surgeon,	PELETIAH FITCH, M. D.
Chaplain, - - -	REV. J. NEWTON KEN
Officer-of-the-Day, -	LOUIS F. LANE
Officer-of-the-Guard, -	JOHN LEARY
Sergeant-Major	LESLIE STEVEN
Quartermaster-Sergeant	CHARLES F. CRANE
Inside Sentinel,	JOHN SCOTT
Outside Sentinel,	JOHN E. MANN

Having completed his duties the installing officer turned the Post over to Commander Weidersheim, who, in a few well chosen remarks, thanked the Comrades for reposing in him so much confidence and esteem by electing him to the highest office in their gift. After welcoming the ladies and gentlemen present the new Commander turned the meet-



JOHN A. WIEDERSHEIM

PAST COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE

Entered the service as Private, Co. F, 116th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, August 8, 1862

Final discharge as Private, Co. F, 116th Reg't Penna. Volunteers, December 20, 1864

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, April 24, 1882, on Transfer Card from Post No. 2

Elected Junior Vice-Commander December 1, 1884

Elected Senior Vice-Commander December 7, 1885

Elected Commander December 6, 1886



ing over to the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Comrade Frank Glading, who called upon Chaplain Ritner for a few remarks, and he in complimentary terms presented, on behalf of the Post, a handsome gold Past-Commander's Badge to the retiring Commander, Lewis W. Moore, who received it in an appropriate manner. Then followed the usual fine musical and literary entertainment, which Comrade Glading provided and which well entertained the large audience.

Past-Commander Lightner, before retiring, made a short address, paying a high compliment to the Post and thanking the audience for their marked attention.

On January 4th Commander Weidersheim issued General Order No. 1, announcing the officers elected and appointed, and the Standing Committee.

From the annual report of the Adjutant we find that the gain in membership during the year 1886 by Muster in, Transfer and Reinstatement was 55, which with the 418 in good standing at the beginning, made a total of 473; while the loss by Death, Discharge, Transfer and Suspension amounted to 30, leaving 443 Comrades in good standing at the close of the year.

From the Quartermaster's Report we get the financial condition for the same period as follows:—

Total receipts for the year,	\$5186.61
Expenditures,	<u>1096.81</u>
Balance,	\$4089.80
Of the above amount the Standing Committee collected \$10275, and expended \$14094.	
The Reserve Fund was increased to	\$1616.00
With the amount due of	<u>688.52</u>
Make \$1904.52	\$2304.52



On Monday evening, January 31st, Comrade W. H. H. Davis, by invitation of the Post, gave his interesting lecture, "The Halls of the Montezumas," to a large audience who were greatly pleased and highly entertained.

At the Department Encampment, held at Harrisburg, February 8th, Past Commander Lewis W. Moore, of this Post, was elected delegate to the National Encampment.

On Thursday evening, February 17th, Commander Wiedersheim, as the representative of Commander-in-Chief Lucius Fairchild, paid an official visit to W. B. Hatch Post, No. 37, at Camden, N. J., and was accompanied by 42 Comrades of the Post.

The Annual Benefit of the Post was given at the Chestnut Street Opera House on Friday, February 25th, with Sol Smith Russell in his comedy of "Pa." The Committee labored hard, and turned over to the Post \$133.50 as the financial result of their efforts.

On Monday evening, February 28th, Department Commander Samuel Harper, paid an official visit to the Post, accompanied by Past Department-Commanders Robert B. Beath, A. Wilson Norris, and John Taylor, Assistant Adjutant-General Thos. J. Stewart, Assistant Quartermaster-General Williams, Chaplain Sayers, and others; at 9.30 a Camp Fire was started and Comrade Beath was called to the chair; addresses were made by Department-Commander Harper, Comrades Norris, Sayers, Taylor, and other visitors, and by Comrades G. Harry Davis, Charles Lawrence, H. B. Geissinger, of our Post; after the speeches the Camp Fire was put out, and all hands repaired to the third floor where a good and substantial lunch was served, and at a late hour the Comrades separated for home.



On March 7th Comrade George Baskins, Chairman of Committee on Recruits, presented a resolution having for its object the presentation of a gold Post badge to the Comrade bringing in the largest number of recruits during the year; this was won by Comrade J. Fletcher Conrad and the Post also voted one to Post Chaplain Rev. I. Newton Ritner for faithful and devoted services.

On March 10th Comrade E. P. Holman died; the family desiring the funeral to be private their wishes were respected, and the Post did not attend but sent the usual floral offering.

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**Ebenezer P. Holman** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, October 1st, Private in Co. E, 19th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, on the 18th day of April, 1861, afterwards in United States Navy, and was discharged July 27th, 1863. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., June 26, 1882, and died March 10, 1887, aged 43 years. Buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia.

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On Thursday, March 24th, another Comrade was mustered out, Comrade John C. Dobleman, one of the older members of the Post, who took an active part in its upbuilding; he was buried by the Post with full military honors and Grand Army services at South Laurel Hill Cemetery on Monday, March 28th. The Regimental Association of the survivors of the 72d Regiment, in which he was a Captain, turned out in large numbers, also a detail of 20 men from the 3d Regiment, N. G. P., under Captain Ryan, who fired the usual volleys at the grave. The Post turned out 76 Comrades under Commander Wiedersheim.



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**John C. Dobleman** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. Entered the service Private, G. B. 17th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, on the 18th day of April, 1861, to serve 721 Regiment and 18th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Held the rank of Corporal, discharged August 16th, 1865. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., April 10, 1878, and died March 24, 1887, aged 60 years. Buried at South Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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At the Muster of April 4th the Council of Administration was instructed to recruit and organize a Young Guard, to be composed of the sons of members or deceased members of the Post, to be uniformed and to serve as escort to the Post on parades and as firing party at funerals of our Comrades, whenever called upon. This was successful in bringing together about thirty young men who met at intervals and were instructed in drill by Comrade Charles A. Abel, a thoroughly competent officer, but for want of proper accommodations and regular nights for meeting, they lost interest, and finally the project was abandoned.

Soon another Comrade was mustered out, Comrade Charles Hawkins, who died on April 19th.

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**Charles Hawkins** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. Entered the service Private in Co. H, 90th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, on the 19th day of December, 1862, afterwards in 152d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Held the office of First Lieutenant, and was discharged November 9, 1865. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., May 23, 1881, and died April 19th, 1887, aged 46 years. Buried at Fair Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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# JOHN G. JOHNSTON.

## QUARTERMASTER GEO. G. MEADE POST NO. ONE

Entered the service as Sergeant Co. I, 8th Reg't Penna. Vol. Cavalry, August 1, 1864.

Transf. into 6th Reg't Cavalry, Company, Sergeant, 8th Reg't Penna. Vol. Cavalry, April 20, 1865.

Mustered into Geo. G. Meade Post No. 1, January 30, 1885.

Elected Officer of the Guard, December 3, 1885.

Appointed Quartermaster Sergeant, January 12, 1885.

Elected Quartermaster, June 20, 1885, re-elected, December 7, 1885, December 6, 1886,

December 5, 1887, December 3, 1888, December 2, 1889.



The services on Memorial Day were entrusted to the following Committee, who, like their predecessors, did all that it was possible to do, for the proper observance of the day so dear to all Grand Army men, and now so generally observed throughout the land :—

Comrade James Thompson, Chairman ; D. F. Nichols, Secretary ; Louis E. Pfeiffer, Treasurer ; and Comrades Geo. H. S. Uhler, Frank Glading, Wm. H. Brown, Paul H. Barnes, Charles A. Abel, John W. Boughton, Wm. E. Coster, Wm. R. Granger, Colin M. Beale, Albert T. Cross, Henry C. Sinex, Edward N. Rue and John Blair. In the circular sent out by the Committee are these words :—

" The time draws near when we must go hence to the memory of our departed Comrades, gathered under the old flag, which we once put forth the supreme effort of our lives to maintain, we deck with flowers the graves of those who have passed on before to their reward. Let us, Comrades, consider this the ONE day of the year which we, as an Order, are bound to commemorate, and its service the one great object of our organization ; and each of us, laying aside the pursuits and pleasures of ordinary life, make it our chief business and gratification to assemble and march, with full ranks, to memorialize the deeds and valor of those who have passed away,—to beautify their graves with flowers, keep their memories ever fresh in our minds, and be an instructive lesson to the young generation growing up around us—and the multitudes coming to us from other nations—of all that our united country has cost."

Many of our Comrades are unable, by reason of wounds, sickness or the infirmities of age, to march with us ; let the name of every such Comrade be forwarded to either the Chairman or Secretary of the Memorial Committee, and carriages will be provided for them, so that none may be deprived of the privilege of participating in the service of the day.

In compliance with General Orders No. 2, the Post assembled at Headquarters, at 9.30 A. M. on Sunday, May 29th, to attend Divine Service, and took cars to Eleventh and Oxford Streets and marched to the Oxford Presbyterian Church, Broad and Oxford Streets. The Pastor, Rev. L. M. Colfelt, D. D., preached an eloquent sermon from the text : " I have fought a good fight." At the close of the service



the Post Bugler, Comrade Charles Boetger, played in time style on the cornet, "Nearer my God, to Thee!" 95 Comrades were present under command of Commander Wiedersheim.

On Memorial Day the Comrades assembled at the Post Room at the usual hour; the line being formed on Girard Street at 12.45 P. M. in the following order: Detachment of Reserve Police under Sergeant Malin; Memorial Day Committee, Comrade James Thompson commanding; Jennings's 6th Regiment N. J. N. G. Band; Company "B" State Fencibles, Captain G. J. Lomasney, with 50 men in line; then the Post, Commander John A. Wiedersheim, in sections of eight, each section under a Comrade appointed by the Commander, making a total of 169 Comrades in line, and soon after proceeded over the following route: Down Twelfth to Chestnut, to Eleventh, to Market, to Broad, to Spring Garden, to Twenty-first, to Green, to Fairmount Park, where the Choristers of St. Jude's P. E. Church joined and marched to Lincoln Monument, where the usual services were held. Jerome Carty, Esq., an associate member, making the address:

Upon the conclusion of these services the boat was taken to Laurel Hill, and in Central Laurel Hill the following services were held: Address, by Commander John A. Wiedersheim; Prayer, by Post Chaplain I. Newton Ritner; Oration, by Comrade Joseph G. Rosengarten; Benediction, by Chaplain Ritner. These services were interspersed with sweet music by the choristers.

The Post then proceeded to the grave of General Meade, the choristers singing the processional hymn accompanied by the band, where the Grand Army services were performed by Comrades Isaiah Price, W. Wayne Vodges, George H. S. Uhler, and Chaplain I. Newton



Ritner, and the reading by the author of a beautiful hymn, "The Hero's Grave," composed and dedicated to the Post by J. A. Gardiner, Esq.; Post Bugler Boetger giving two solos on the cornet. The Post then returned to the boat, thence to the entrance of Fairmount Park, and marched to Headquarters and was dismissed.

The issue of a Circular by the Adjutant-General of the United States Army to the Governors of the different States of the Union, concerning a desire on the part of the President to return the flags captured during the war, to the State authorities, from whose troops they were captured, awoke the righteous indignation of the Comrades of Post No. 1, as it did of all of our Comrades whose loyalty, heroic bravery, and noble sacrifices in the days of the war, secured those flags to the Government. A special muster of the Post therefore was called for Friday evening, June 17th, for the purpose of giving expression to the indignation thus aroused. Thirty Comrades were present, and Comrade J. Fletcher Conrad presented a series of resolutions, embodying a copy of Adjutant-General Drum's Circular, to wit:—

SIR:—The President of the United States, having given the command that all the flags in the custody of the War Department, be returned to the authorities of the respective States, where the regiments which bore them were organized, for such final disposition as they may determine, I am in much pleasure to inform you that I have been directed by the Adjutant-General to return to you the flags now in this office belonging to the late volunteer organizations of the State of ———.

In discharging this pleasant duty, I beg you will please advise me of your wishes in this matter. It is the intention in returning each Flag, to give its history, as far as it is possible to do so, stating the circumstances of its capture and recovery.

I have the honor to be, Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant,

E. C. D. A. ———

Therefore, **Resolved**, That the Post make a record of its disapproval of the President's action in this matter, as unnecessary, unwarranted, and calculated to wound the pride of every Union soldier in the land.



**Resolved,**

**Resolved,**

destruction, and which were captured by Union soldiers at the price of life and blood from rebel legions in organized and heated fray, are not disposable property, but sacred mementos given in trust to the Government, with patriotic design that it shall forever be their custodian, and that they shall ever remain at the shrine of the Nation as souvenirs of loyalty warring against sedition, and sources of patriotic inspirations.

**Resolved,** That to restore these types and evidences of overt Rebellion to those who could not maintain them in the field, at a time when political generosity has agreed to overlook or forget the crime of armed revolt, and through an agency largely, if not wholly, indebted to such generosity for its exaltation, is very like the covert desire to recognize the righteousness of such revolt, of a wish to pay a price for past or expected favors, or of a subtle sentiment derogatory of a cause which alone made a Republic and President possible.

**Resolved,** That in principle there can be no proper recipients of rebellious or Confederate flags except in so far as the spirit of their first flaunting exists, and that, therefore, the proposed disposition of them is but idle interference with sacred property wholly beyond the control of any Government functionary or Department.

**Resolved,** That we have yet to learn of any request or insistency by those, whom we met as honorable but mistaken foes, who suffered deserved defeat, or who made many surrender, for the return to their keeping of these types and badges of a lost cause, and we remain firm in the conviction that every sincerely acquiescing Confederate feels that his emblems of warfare are righteously in the custody of a united and peaceful Nation, for such time at least as they shall serve "to point a moral or adorn a tale."

Comrade Isaiah Price amended:—

**Resolved,** That notwithstanding the revocation of the Order by the President, the Post deems it important to place on record its sentiment, as irrevocably opposed to the principle demonstrated by the action of the authorities at Washington.

And they were unanimously adopted as amended.

On June 2<sup>th</sup>, the Committee appointed to draft Resolutions expressive of the sentiment of the Post to Commander-in-Chief Lytle Child and others, who were outspoken in their denunciation of the action of the President, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:—





Your Committee, appointed to draft resolutions of commendation and thank, for the prompt action of General Lucius Fairchild and others, concerning the offensive Order, approved by President Cleveland, to return to States, once in rebellion, the battle-flags captured from their regiments by Union soldiers, beg leave to submit the following :—

**Resolved.** That our Commander-in-Chief, General Fairchild, reflected the true sentiment of this Post, and of the Grand Army all over the United States, when he entered quick, firm and eloquent protest against an executive procedure calculated to exalt the cause which those captured flags symbolized.

2nd. That the thanks of the Post, and of all Union soldiers are due to those Department Commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Governors of the several States, who, in the name of their loyal citizens, filed prompt remonstrances against the unwarranted action of the President, and thanks are especially due to Governor Foraker, of Ohio, and such others in authority, as immediately authorized legal steps to be taken to prove to the President that he had no right to dispose of this class of property without the consent of the owners.

3rd. This Post, for itself and on behalf of all Union soldiers, found occasion for an expression of gratitude on account of that spontaneous and general manifestation of outraged feeling throughout the country, which, rightly interpreted, means no lack of courtesy and magnanimity towards a defeated enemy, but a firm and patriotic purpose to do naught which shall ever appear to exterminate the crime of Rebellion, or subordinate the real glory of a country's antagonist.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our Commander-in-Chief, General Lucius Fairchild; Samuel Harjer, Commander Department of Pennsylvania; Tuttle, Commander Department of Iowa; George Ady, Commander Department of Colorado, Grand Army of the Republic; and to J. B. Foraker, Governor of Ohio; William Larrabee, Governor of Iowa; John M. Thayer, Governor of Nebraska; Jeremiah Rusk, Governor of Wisconsin, and General W. T. Clark, of Denver, Colorado.

JAMES L. MOORE, ON  
G. HARRY DAVIS

J. F. CONLEY      A. M. ALLEN  
LEWIS W. MOORE

On July 4th, in compliance with the following Order, the Post assembled to take part in the celebration of the Nation's Holiday :—

HENRICH VETTER, GEO. G. MEYER, POST, NO. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, G. A. R.

NO. 1159 CHESHIRE STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PA., 4th, 1887

*General Order, No. 1.*

As survivors of the army and navy of the war for the Union who assisted in preserving the life of the nation, and who love the land in which we live, it is right that this Post should unite with our fellow citizens in celebrating in a befitting manner the coming holiday, July 4th.



The Comrades will assemble at the Headquarters at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, after which we will review and applaud the military companies, and in the afternoon sing at Independence Hall, and engage in services of our own appropriate to the day.

The Commander will receive the Comrades at 12 o'clock.

Let us evidence on this occasion to those who may be inimical to American institutions, that the "4th of July" is not a thing of the past, and assert the doctrine that while our country is a refuge for the oppressed of all nations, it is a home only for those who are loyal to the Stars and Stripes, and who show themselves worthy of the proud heritage of American freemen.

JOHN A. WIEDERSHEIM, *Commander*.

DAVID P. WEAVER, *Assistant*.

The Post formed on Chestnut Street, in front of Headquarters, and gave a salute to the First Brigade, National Guard of Pennsylvania, as they passed, then formed in their rear and marched to Independence Square and joined the services there; after which re-formed and escorted to the Post Room Ex-Governor Wise, of Virginia; Chas. F. Warwick, City Solicitor; General John F. Hartranft, Colonel George Meade, John Wanamaker, Thomas Cochran, and others; short addresses were delivered by each, also by Commander Wiedersheim and Senior Vice-Commander Price of the Post, then all hands were handsomely lunched by Commander Wiedersheim, on third floor of Post Headquarters. 103 Comrades paraded, Commander Wiedersheim commanding.

The committee appointed to arrange for a visitation of the Post to the battlefield at Gettysburg, during the summer encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania, of which Comrade James F. Morrison was chairman, assisted by Comrades A. C. Johnston, B. Frishmuth, A. D. Elwell, W. H. H. Wasson and Past-Commander Lewis W. Moore issued a circular under date of June 13th, giving the necessary information to those who desired to accompany the Post.

Sixteen Comrades of the Post responded and went into camp on



East Cemetery Hill, and had a very pleasant visit to that historical and now world renowned battlefield, remaining one week : they were taken over the whole field by Comrade Charles A. Hale, of the Post, who is now one of the guides and lecturers upon that great battle.

In order that the Post might take part in the grand demonstration that was to be given in Philadelphia during September 15th, 16th and 17th, in honor of the celebration of the Centennial of the adoption of the Constitution of the United State, Commander Wiedersheim issued the following order :—

HEADQUARTERS GEO. G. MEADE POST, NO. 1,

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, G. A. R.,

NO. 1109 CHESTNUT STREET,

PHILADELPHIA, September 6th, 1887

*General Orders, No. 1*

I. In compliance with General Orders No. 17, U. S., Headquarters Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., the Post will parade on September 16th, in honor of the Centennial of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

II. The Comrades will assemble in full Grand Army uniform at 11.45 A. M., on Twelfth Street, right resting on Walnut, facing east, and move at 12 M. sharp.

III. The position of the Post prior to joining the column will be on Bankers Life Street, east of Broad, at 12.30 P. M.

IV. Comrade A. C. Johnston is hereby detailed to take charge of the colors. He will organize a Guard, and be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. In passing the reviewing stand, Broad and Walnut Streets, the colors will be dipped. Comrades will not salute.

Comrades ! **we**, as soldiers and citizens, should honor the occasion without reservation. We have reason to rejoice that we helped to save the Union for which the Constitution was framed.

Let us parade with full ranks, and maintain the high standard and reputation of our Post.

By order of

JOHN A. WIEDERSHEIM, *Commander*

DAVID P. WEAVER, *Adjutant*

In compliance with the above Order the Comrades assembled at Headquarters about 12 o'clock, and soon after the line was formed on



Twelfth Street, right resting on Walnut, and about 1 o'clock proceeded to Bainbridge Street east of Broad, the place assigned for formation ; and after the military had passed, wheeled into line on Broad Street and continued the march up Broad to Chestnut, to Fifth, to Market, to Broad, to Columbia Avenue, countermarching to Arch Street where the line was dismissed. On the east side of Broad Street, above Walnut, the column was reviewed by the President of the United States, Grover Cleveland, members of his Cabinet, and other distinguished visitors, and at Broad and Columbia Avenue by General P. H. Sheridan and Staff; 110 Comrades paraded under the command of Commander John A. Wiedersheim.

The day selected for the unveiling of the Meade Statue in Fairmount Park, October 18th, 1887, being also the 21st anniversary of the organization of the Post, a committee was appointed, with Past-Commander Lewis W. Moore as chairman, to arrange for the proper celebration of the day, and to co operate with the Meade Memorial Committee; Comrade B. Frishmuth was elected Treasurer, and A. C. Johnston, Secretary. The Committee issued a circular, dated September 22nd, which contained the following :—

"THE 18th day of October, 1887, being the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of Post One, and also the day selected for the unveiling of the MEADE STATUE, and to be celebrated as THE GREAT ARMY DAY, your committee do hereby call on Post One to meet on that day, and earnestly request that you so arrange your business that you will participate on that occasion. We propose having an anniversary banquet at St. George's Hall.

"As your committee have invited a number of prominent comrades and citizens as our guests, it is our intention to make this occasion, with your assistance, a red letter day in the history of Post One, and as we desire to enjoy this banquet with full ranks, your committee have made such arrangements as they believe will be satisfactory to all."





On October 11th, Commander Wiedersheim issued General Order No. 5, giving instructions for the parade, as follows :—

“I. In compliance with General Order, No. 21, Headquarters Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., the Post will assemble for parade on Tuesday, October 18th, 1887, for the purpose of participating in the ceremonies of the unveiling of the Equestrian Statue of GENERAL GEORGE G. MEADE in Fairmount Park.

“II. The Post line will be formed promptly at 1 P. M. on the north side of Spring Garden Street, right resting on Broad Street, facing south. Full G. A. R. uniform will be worn.

“III. Comrade James Thompson is hereby detached in charge of the colors, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

“Comrades, let us be faithful to the memory of the noble Soldier and Hero, whose revered name we love, and honor the occasion with full and

In compliance with the above order, the Post assembled at Headquarters at noon and proceeded to Spring Garden Street, to point of formation. The line was formed as follows :—

MARSHAL.—Col. James C. Biddle.

Chief of Staff, Col. B. F. Fisher, Staff Aid.

Standard Bearers Supporting Three Historic Flags :—

Headquarters, Army of the Republic, Headquarters, 1st Corps.

Headquarters, Pennsylvania Cavalry.

FIRST TROOP, PHILADELPHIA CITY CAVALRY.

General E. Burd Grubb, commanding.

FIRST DIVISION, REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Marshal, Major Joseph R. T. Coates.

SECOND DIVISION, REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, Army of the Republic, Headquarters, 1st Corps.

Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

SECOND DIVISION, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Marshal, Samuel Harper, Commander Department Pennsylvania G. A. R.

Adjutant, Major J. W. Wood.

1st Lieut. 2d Squad, Robert E. Lee.

GEO. G. MEADE POST NO. 1,

John A. Wiedersheim, Captain.

Posts 2 and 5, with U. S. Grant Post 327 of Brooklyn as guests. Post 6, Post 11, Post 18, Post 150, Post 191, Post 21, Post 14, Post 46, Post 94, Post 71, Post 24, Post 103, Post 7, Post 10, Post 51, Post 60,



Post 55, Post 64, Post 86, Post 114, Post 124, White Horse, Del., Post 134, Post 144, N. E. Post 145,  
Post 161, Post 228, Post 275, Post 312, Post 324, Post 401.

### THIRD DIVISION, NATIONAL GUARD OF PENNSYLVANIA

Battalion Commander, George E. Starnes, Jr., Colonel.

Second Regiment, Colonel Robert P. Dechert.

Third Regiment, Colonel S. Bonnaffon, Jr.

First Regiment, Colonel W. P. Bowman.

Battalion Staff, Lieutenants, Major W. W. Calkins, Captain W. W. Calkins.

Gray Invincibles, Captain Charles A. Hailstock.

Battery A, Captain Maurice C. Stafford.

GUESTS IN CARRIAGES.

Colonel, James A. Hartranft, Major.

Major-General John F. Hartranft and staff.

Hon. Edwin H. Fidler, Mayor of Philadelphia.

Officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and National Guard, active and retired.

Members of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary.

### FOURTH DIVISION, CADETS.

College Cadets, Girard College, etc.

Girard College Cadets.

Soldiers' Orphans' Cadets.

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Graduates of Lincoln Institute.

Senior Associates.

Promptly at 1.30 P. M. the column started and moved out Spring Garden to 25th, to East Park entrance at Green Street, thence through the Park to Grand Avenue, thence to ground in front of Memorial Hall, where the statue had been erected. The services, as arranged by the Fairmount Park Art Association, were as follows:

### HERALD OF THE FAIRMOUNT PARK ART ASSOCIATION

At 1.30 P. M. the column started and moved out Spring Garden to 25th, to East Park entrance at Green Street, thence through the Park to Grand Avenue, thence to ground in front of Memorial Hall, where the statue had been erected.

Members of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary, First Regiment Band.

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# PRESENTATION OF THE STATUE

By Hon. George H. Pendleton

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Major General George Meade, and Major General George Meade, First

Major General Meade

Major

First Regiment

## RECEPTION OF THE STATUE

By Hon. George H. Pendleton

Post-Office Building, Washington, D. C.

MUSIC, . . . . . First Regiment Band

ORATION, . . . . . Major General John Gibbon, U. S. Army.

DECEMBER, . . . . . Post-Office Building, Washington, D. C.

After which the Post marched to the station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at the Zoological Garden, and took the train for Broad Street Station and marched to Headquarters, and were dismissed to assemble at St. George's Hall, 13th and Arch Streets, for Banquet—120 Comrades, under Commander Wiedersheim, paraded.

The arrangements for the banquet were on a more extensive scale than any the Post had yet given. The unveiling of the Meade Statue and Grand Army Day being arranged for the same date, brought to the city a much larger number of distinguished guests, and the committee of the Post availed themselves of the opportunity to secure the attendance at our banquet of many of these guests. Among them were Rutherford B. Hayes, ex-President of the United States; Andrew G. Curtin, ex-Governor, and James A. Beaver, Governor of Pennsylvania; John P. Rea, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Past-Commanders-in-Chief Louis Wagner, John F. Hartranft, Robert B. Beath, Lucius Fairchild; Quartermaster General John Taylor, Department Commander Samuel Harper



Past Department Commanders A. L. Pearson, George L. Brown, Samuel L. Givin, James W. Latta, Chill W. Hazard, John M. Vanderslice; Assistant Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart; Assistant Quarter-Master General Harry G. Williams; Generals Henry J. Hunt, John Gibbon; Colonels Geo. Meade, John P. Nicholson, Geo. H. North, Major Wm. H. Lambert; Judges D. Newlin Fell, Robert N. Wilson, F. Amede Bregy, Joseph C. Furguson, and William N. Ashman; President of Select Council James R. Gates; also a delegation of Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 38, Department of New York, including Commander Wm. E. White, and Past Commanders A. Franklin Lawson and John J. M'Connell. Altogether making an assembly from military and civil life that could not well be surpassed.

Letters of regret were received from Generals P. H. Sheridan, James M. Schotfield, Charles Devens, Joseph D. Hawley, ———— Getty; Governor J. B. Foraker, of Ohio; Colonel M. V. Sheridan; Secretary of War Endicott, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. Wm. M. Singerly, and others.

A beautiful neat menu card was prepared as follows —





# Twenty-First Anniversary

1866



1887

## GEORGE G. MEADE POST, No. 1,

Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL,

PHILADELPHIA, October 18, 1887.

### Menu

Devilled Oysters

Raw Oysters.

Chicken, Crisp.

Broiled Spring Chicken

French Pot.

Potato Croquettes

Chicken Salad

Letto's Salad.

Letto's Oysters.

#### RELISHES

Potato Salad.

Celery.

Stuffed Tomatoes

Pickles.

#### DESSERT:

Ice Cream.

Vanilla Ice Cream

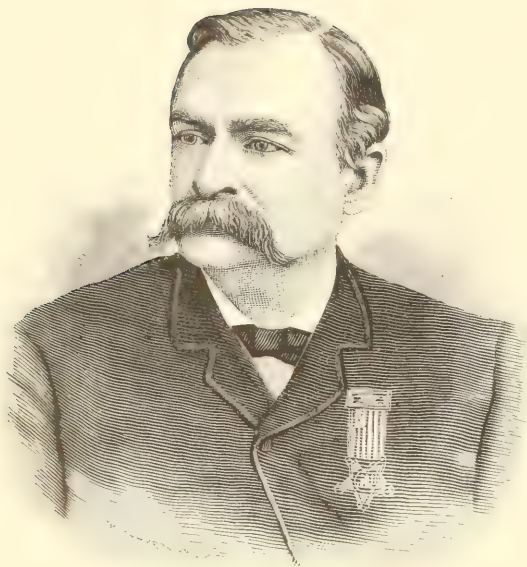
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Addresses were made in response to toasts in the following order: John P. Rea, Commander in Chief Grand Army of the Republic; John A. Wiedersheim, Commander George G. Meade Post, No. 1; Samuel Harper, Commander Department of Pennsylvania; Lucius Fairchild, Past Commander in Chief; Rutherford B. Hayes, ex-President of United States; Andrew G. Curtin, ex-Governor of Pennsylvania; James A. Beaver, Governor of Pennsylvania; Henry H. Bingham, Past-Commander of Post 1; Charles Lawrence, of Post 1, U. S. N.; Comrade G. Harry Davis read the following brief history of the Comrades of Post No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, showing the number of regimental organizations and independent battalions and companies represented by their enlistment and service, arranged by States, each organization represented by one or more Comrades, viz:—

Pennsylvania,	101
New York,	1
New Jersey,	1
Ohio,	15
Massachusetts,	10
Delaware,	7
Connecticut,	5
Wisconsin,	5
Illinois,	3
Indiana,	3
New Hampshire,	1
Maine,	1
Missouri,	3
Iowa,	1
Virginia,	1
Idaho,	1
Montana,	1
Maine,	1
Kentucky,	1
U. S. Army,	1
U. S. Navy,	1
U. S. Army Reserve,	1
U. S. Cavalry, Regular,	1
U. S. Cavalry, Regular,	1

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# G. HARRY DAVIS

COMMANDER GEO. G. MEADE POST No. ONE

Entered the service as Private, Co. G, 40th Reg't P.V.M., July 2, 1863

Final discharge as Private, Co. G, 40th Reg't P.V.M., August 16, 1863

Mustered into Co. G, Meade Post No. 1, September 30, 1880

Elected Chaplain December 3, 1883

Elected Junior Vice-Commander December 5, 1887

Elected Senior Vice-Commander December 3, 1888

Elected Commander December 2, 1889

Appointed Judge-Advocate, Department of Pennsylvania, February 12, 1890

Every arm of the service and every department is represented and every campaign and battle of the late war is represented by one or more Comrades having participated therein.

Commissions held by Comrades of Post 1, are as follows, viz :—

General, U. S. Army,	1
General, U. S. Army, retired,	1
Colonel, U. S. Army,	2
Major,	3
Captains,	121
First Lieutenants,	144
Second Lieutenants,	1
Detachment, U. S. Army,	1

The Associate roll numbers some 81 names, among which we note one Governor of Pennsylvania (Pattison), three ex-Mayors of Philadelphia (William S. Stokley, James G. King and William B. Smith) and many leading merchants and citizens, including such names as John Wanamaker, Frank Siddall, Ira E. Walraven, F. Percy Smith, Judge Ashman, J. B. Agnew, James Bellak, Jerome Carty, Robert S. Davis, William E. Littleton, John Struthers, Walter G. Wilson.

On the combined rolls the civil service is represented from the President of the United States down to the humblest citizen. The names of two Governors of Pennsylvania appear upon the rolls, Geary and Pattison. Governor and General Joshua L. Chamberlain, of Maine, is also an honorary member by vote of the Post. Muster roll stands, 686; associate roll, 81.

Never has Post 1 entertained so many of its friends and guests, and had so many of its members present, as at this anniversary banquet. Nor has one been so well served and those who attended so well pleased.

On Tuesday, October 11th, twenty-two Comrades, under Com-



mander Wiedersheim, attended the funeral of Comrade Harry K. Reihle in citizens' dress, as the family requested that there be no display and gave notice that the interment would be private, but those present accompanied the remains to Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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**Harry K. Reihle** was born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania. Entered the service September 1861 in Company F, 1st Regiment, Pennsylvania Artillery, on the 25th day of April, 1864, afterwards in 7th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, held the office of Captain, and was discharged December 24, 1862. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, October 15, 1883, and died October 10, 1887, aged 53 years, and was buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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On Saturday morning, October 20, 1887, a delegation of the Post went to West Chester, Pa., to participate in the parade and ceremonies incidental to the unveiling of the monument of the 67th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers; 20 Comrades were present under Junior Vice-Commander Vogdes, as Senior Vice-Commander Isaiah Price was Chief Marshal, with Commander Wiedersheim and Comrade Benjamin Brooke as Aids. Comrade Price served in the 67th Regiment and came home as its Commander.

On October 21st, Comrade Henry H. Bingham presented the Post with a beautiful engraving of the third day's fight at Gettysburg, a proof print; also a bust of our late Comrade U. S. Grant, upon a block of marble, that was used in the Convention of 1872 that nominated Comrade Grant for President of the United States.

Past-Commander Wray presented for Comrade Edwin N. Benson a beautiful large wood carved "Steinbök," purchased by him while in Switzerland and shipped direct to the Post.

On November 22d the Comrades assembled at Post Headquarters and proceeded in carriages to his residence, to attend the funeral of





our Comrade Eugene C. Koerner, who died on November 10th, and after the services escorted the remains to Laurel Hill Cemetery. 24  
Comrades were present under Commander Wiedersheim.

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**Eugene C. Koerner** was born in Germany. Entered the service as private in Co. F, U. S. 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, on the 17th day of April, 1864, and served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, from the 27th of June to 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 1864, and in the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment, June 17, 1864. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., June 30, 1884, and died November 9, 1887, aged 55 years. Buried at South Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa.

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General Order, No. 7, dated November 29th, announced that the annual election of officers would take place on Monday evening, December 5th, at which time Comrade Isaiah Price was elected Commander, 259 votes being cast. The same order also announced that the annual Children's Festival would be given on Wednesday afternoon, December 28th, at 3 o'clock, and as usual, the Post Room was crowded to overflowing by the many children of our Comrades, who were entertained with a series of entertainments, and closed with an hour's dancing, after which they were feasted as usual, and sent home with happy hearts and merry faces.

On December 14th Comrade Thomas Kilby Smith died, and was buried privately, therefore the Post could take no part.

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**Thomas Kilby Smith** was born in Boston, Mass., on the 10th of February, 1834. Received his education at the Boston Latin School, and at Harvard University, where he graduated in 1854. He was a member of the Massachusetts Bar, and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1861. He was mustered into George G. Meade Post, No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., June 30, 1884, and died December 14, 1887, aged 53 years. Buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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On December 16th Comrade Edwin N. Benson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

**Resolved,** That a special committee of five be appointed to receive and report on the next election to be held, whose duty shall be, in connection with the Council of Administration, to take into consideration matters of mere delegate and permanent quarters, and to make a report to the Executive Committee of the most workable structure for the matter of carrying forward the departmental work upon the basis of

The Post unanimously recommended their Past-Commander, Comrade John A. Wiedersheim, for the position of Department Commander, and their delegates to the Department Encampment, held at Allentown, Pa., 1888, did all in their power to secure his election. George G. Meade Post, No. 1, being the oldest, and one of the largest Posts in the State, numbering over 500 members, have never yet been honored with a Department Commander, and felt that they were entitled to some recognition at the hands of the Department, and therefore presented the claims of Past Commander Wiedersheim because of his successful administration as our Post Commander, his executive ability, his interest in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, his record as a soldier in the One Hundred and Nineteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, Third Brigade, First Division, Sixth Army Corps; his legal professional standing, and his character as a well-known and esteemed citizen; all these qualifications prove him to be one who would well and faithfully discharge the high and responsible duties of Department Commander with credit to the whole Department; but the efforts of the Post, their delegates, and many friends in the encampment were unsuccessful in securing his election, but the Post and Past Commander Wiedersheim were both highly complimented by the large vote he received.



The following were mustered during 1887:—

THOMAS VOIGHT, ST. CLAIR A. MULHOLLAND, JAMES B. GEISSINGER, J. D. CAMPBELL, JOHN J. RIDGWAY, HARRY E. GARSE, ELLWOOD N. WILLIAMS, REV. D. H. GEISSINGER, JOSEPH ANDERSON, ROBERT M. GREEN, CHARLES LAWRENCE, WILLIAM L. BOON, R. WILKIE MARTIN, M. D., WILLIAM P. THOMAS, JAMES F. CASSIDY (RE-ELECTED), WALTER P. BYERS, GEORGE P. DUNMIRE, M. D., JAMES WM. HAIG, HENRY K. THOMPSON, WM. T. ROBINSON, M. D., H. A. BRAINARD, LEWIS RYAN, REV. EDWARD T. BARTLETT, ALBERT EVANS HAND, HORACE P. MITCHELL, JOHN W. KEELER, EDMUND T. TIER, WILLIAM H. RICH, CHARLES L. SHERMAN, JAMES W. CLARK, WILLIAM S. STOKLEY, LEONARD O. SMITH, EDWARD MILLER, HENRY C. SINGLEY, GEORGE W. FAIRMAN, FRANK W. WOOD, JOHN R. MORRIS, WM. L. DEWART, WILLOUGHBY H. WOOD, THOMAS CALLAHAN, LEWIS M. KERSEY, SAMUEL C. SCOTT, BENTLEY C. MERCER, ABRAHAM R. ROYER, CHARLES SHANNON, WILLIAM B. WARNE, WILLIAM A. LYNN, A. B. SCHWENK, WILLIAM H. RAMSEY, LYNFORD LARDNER, ISAAC A. CLEAVER, JAMES C. BIDDLE, GEO. W. BILES, CHARLES T. GRUBB, GILBERT L. LENTZ, HENRY C. HARPER, THOMAS HOCKLEY, JOHN A. M. PASSMORE, MADISON LOVETT, A. LOUDEN SNOWDEN. TOTAL 60

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